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"Children, let us do good whilst we have time"—Gal. 6.

O Mary, Conceived without Sin, Pray for us who have recourse to thee

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Calendar

The following feasts are holy-days of obligation in the United States of America:

The Circumcision, January 1;
The Ascension (movable);
The Assumption, August 15;
All Saints Day, November 1;
Immaculate Conception, December 8;
Nativity of Our Lord, December 25.

Ember Fasts.—The Ember Days occur four times a year as follows:

(1) Wednesday, Friday, Saturday following the first Sunday in Lent;

(2) Wednesday, Friday, Saturday following Pentecost Sunday;

(3) Wednesday, Friday, Saturday following the Exaltation of the Holy Cross;

(4) Wednesday, Friday, Saturday of the third week in Advent.

Vigil Fasts of the Church are the vigils of

(1) Christmas;
(2) Pentecost;
(3) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin;
(4) Feast of All Saints.

Vigil Fasts of our Congregation are the vigils of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8), and the Feast of our holy Father St. Francis (October 4).

ABBREVIATIONS

Ab.,	Abbot	M.,	Martyr
A. or Ap.,	Apostle	MM.,	Martyrs
AA.,	Apostles	O.,	Order
B. or Bp.,	Bishop	Pen.,	Penitent
B.,	Blessed	P.,	Pope
C.,	Confessor	PP.,	Popes
D.,	Doctor	S.,	Saint
E.,	Evangelist	V.,	Virgin
Emp.,	Emperor	Ven.,	Venerable
K.,	King	Wid.,	Widow

Annual Calendar

JANUARY

† Indicates servant of God considered venerable in the Order, but not yet declared such by the Church.

1. A. CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD.—† Ven. John Parens, C. I.O.—Indulg.
2. b. † Ven. Walter of Marzo, C. III.O.
3. c. † Ven. Bartholomew Baro, C. III.O.
4. d. Ven. Bro. Juniper, C. I.O.
5. e. S. Telesphorus, P. M.—† Ven. Hortulana, Wid. II.O.

6. f. EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.— † Ven. Catherine of England, Wid. III.O.— Indulg.
7. g. † Ven. Joanna of St. Erasmus, Wid. II.O.
8. A. † Ven. Adolph of Strassburg, M. I.O.
9. b. † Ven. Benvenuta of Ancona, III.O.
10. c. B. Aegidius of Lawrence, C. I.O.
11. d. S. Hyginus, P. M.—Ven. John Hortulanus, C. I.O.
12. e. † Ven. Lucia of Norzia, V. III.O.
13. f. † Ven. Margaret of Sulmona, V. II.O.
14. g. S. Felix, M.— B. Bernard of Corleone, C. O. Cap.
15. A. S. Paul, Hermit.— S. Maurus, Ab.
16. b. SS. Berard, Peter, Accursius, Adjutus, Otho, Protomart, I.O.— Indulg.
17. c. S. Anthony Ab.—† Ven. Robert of Naples, III.O.
18. d. S. Peter's Chair at Rome.— † Ven. Francis Cirano, M. O.Convent.
19. e. SS. Marius and Comp., MM.—S. Canute, K. M.
20. f. SS. Fabian and Sebastian, MM.— † Ven. Sebastian of Coblentz, C. I.O.
21. g. S. Agnes, V. M.—Ven. Louis, C. I.O.
22. A. SS. Vincent and Anastasius, MM. — † Ven. Clare of Rimini, Wid. III.O.
23. b. Espousals of the B. V. Mary and St. Joseph. — St. Emerentiana.
24. c. S. Timothy, B.M. — † Ven. Margaret Stadler, V. II.O.
25. d. Conversion of St. Paul. — † Ven. John Bentivenger, C. III.O.
26. e. S. Polycarp, B.M. — † Ven. Herman, C. I.O.

27. f. S. John Chrysostom, B. C. D.
28. g. B. Matthew of Girgenti, B. C. I.O.—2d Com. of S. Agnes, V. M.
29. A. S. Francis de Sales, B. C. D. — † Ven. Theobald, C. I.O.
30. b. S. Hyacintha de Mariscotti, V. III.O.—Indulg.
31. c. B. Louisa Albertoni, Wid. III.O.—Indulg.

The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus is celebrated Sunday after New Year, in case the 2, 3, or 4 of January occurs on Sunday; otherwise it is celebrated January 2.—Indulg.

FEBRUARY

1. d. B. Andrew of Segni, C. I.O. — Indulg.
2. e. PURIFICATION OF THE B.V.MARY. —† Ven. Theodoric, C. I.O. — Indulg.
3. f. B. Odoric, C. I.O.—S. Blase, B.M.—Indulg.
4. g. S. Joseph of Leonissa, C. O.Cap.—Indulg.
5. A. SS. Peter Baptist and Comp. MM. of Japan, I. and III.O. — Indulg.
6. b. S. Agatha, V.M.—S. Dorothea, V. M.
7. c. B. Anthony of Stronconio, C. I.O.
8. d. S. John of Matha, C.— † Ven. Jacoba of Settesoli, Wid. III.O.
9. e. B. Aegidius Mary, C. I.O.—S. Apollonia, V. M.
10. f. S. Scholastica, V. — † Ven. Gaspard of Florence, C. I.O.
11. g. Apparition of the B. V. M. at Lourdes.
12. A. Holy Seven Founders, O.Serv.B.M.V.— Ven. Stephen Corvino, C. I.O.
13. b. B. Joanna of Valois, Wid. — B. Viridiana, V. III.O.

14. c. S. Andrew Corsini, B. C.—S. Valentine, M.
15. d. S. Romuald, Ab. — SS. Faustinus and Jovita, MM.—Transl. of S. Anthony of Padua.
16. e. B. Philippa Mareria, V. II.O.
17. f. S. Hilary, B. C. D.— † Ven. Adolph, C. I.O.
18. g. S. Marcellus, P. M. — S. Simeon, B. M.
19. A. S. Conrad, C. III.O. — Indulg.
20. b. S. Raymond of Pennafort, C. — † Ven. Amata, V. II.O.
21. c. S. Angela Merici, V. III.O. — Indulg.
22. d. S. Margaret of Cortona, Pen. III.O.— Indulg.
23. e. S. Peter's Chair, Antioch.—† Ven. Nicholas, C. I.O.
24. f. S. Matthias, Ap. — † Ven. Hugh of Dina, C. I.O.
25. g. B. Sebastian of Apparitio, C. I.O.
26. A. S. Ignatius, B.M. — † Ven. Philippa, Wid. III.O.
27. b. B. John of Triora, M. I.O. — B. Eustochium, V. II.O.
28. c. B. Thomas of Cora, C. I.O.

MARCH

1. d. B. Matthia of Nazareis, V. II.O.
2. e. B. Agnes of Prague, V. II.O.
3. f. S. Titus, B. C. — Indulg.
4. g. S. Casimir, C. — S. Lucius, P. M.
5. A. S. John-Joseph, C. I.O. — Indulg.
6. b. S. Coleta, V. II.O. — Indulg.
7. c. S. Thomas Aquinas, C. D. — † Ven. Bonavita, C. III.O.

8. d. S. John of God, C. — † Ven. Margaret of Piazza, V. II.O.
9. e. S. Catherine of Bologna, V. II.O.—Indulg.
10. f. Forty Martyrs of Sebaste. — † Ven. Christina, V. III.O.
11. g. S. Frances of Rome, Wid. — Ven. Francis Gonzaga, C. I.O.
12. A. S. Gregory I, P. C. D.—† Ven. Apollonia of Bologna, Wid. III.O.
13. b. St. Peter Nolasco, C. — B. Roger, C. I.O.
14. c. B. Peter of Treja, C. I.O. — Transl. of S. Bonaventure, B. C. D. I.O.
15. d. SS. Perpetua and Felicitas, MM.
16. e. B. Peter of Siena, C. III.O.
17. f. S. Patrick, B. C.—† Ven. Paula, Wid. II.O.
18. g. B. Salvator of Horta, C. I.O.
19. A. S. Joseph, Spouse of the B. V. M.
20. b. B. John of Parma, C. I.O.
21. c. S. Benedict, Ab.
22. d. S. Benvenute, B. C. I.O. — Indulg.
23. e. S. Peter Damian, B. C. D.
24. f. S. Gabriel, Archangel.
25. g. ANNUNCIATION OF THE B. V. M.— Ven. Joanna Mary of the Cross, V. II.O.—Indulg.
26. A. B. Rizzerius of Mucia, C. I.O.
27. b. S. John Damascene, C. D.—B. Peregrinus, C. I.O.
28. c. B. Marc of Monte Gallo, C. I.O.
29. d. B. Paula, Wid. III.O.
30. e. B. Angela of Foligno, Wid. III.O.
31. f. B. Marcus of Bologna, C. I.O.

First Friday of March, Feast of the Mysteries of the Way of the Cross. Friday after Passion Sunday, Feast of the Seven Dolors of the B. V. Mary.

APRIL

1. g. S. Martina, V. M.—† Ven. Cæsar of Spire, C. I.O.
2. A. S. Francis de Paula, C.
3. b. S. Benedict the Moor, C. I.O.
4. c. S. Isidore, B. C. D.
5. d. S. Vincent Ferrer, C. — B. William of Sicily, C. III.O.
6. e. B. Thomas of Tolentino, M. I.O. — B. Bentivolius, C. I.O.
7. f. S. Mary Crescentia Hoess, V. III.O.— B. Antonia of Florence, Wid. II.O.
8. g. B. Julian of S. Augustine, C. I.O.
9. A. B. Archangelus, C. I.O.
10. b. B. Charles of Setia, C. I.O.
11. c. S. Leo I, P. C. D.
12. d. B. Angelo of Clavasio, C. I.O.
13. e. S. Hermenegild, M.
14. f. S. Justin, M. — SS. Tibertius and Comp. MM.
15. g. S. Cyril of Alexandria, B. C. D.
16. A. S. Raphael, Archangel, Renewal of Vows.
17. b. S. Cyril of Jerusalem, B. C. D. — S. Anicetus, M.
18. c. B. Andrew, C. I.O.
19. d. B. Conrad of Ascoli, C. I.O.
20. e. B. Leopold of Guichi, C. I.O.
21. f. S. Anselm, B. C. D.
22. g. SS. Soter and Cajus, PP. MM.
23. A. B. Aegidius (Giles) of Assisi, C. I.O.
24. b. S. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, M. O.Cap.
25. c. S. Mark, Evangelist.
26. d. B. V. Mary of Good Counsel. — SS. Cletus and Marcellinus, PP. MM.

27. e. B. James, C. I.O.
28. f. B. Luchesius, C. III.O. — S. Vitalis, M.— B. Zita, V.
29. g. S. Peter, M.—B. Joanna Mary de Maille, Wid. III.O.
A. S. Catherine of Siena, V.

Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, Wednesday preceding the third Sunday after Easter.

MAY

1. b. SS. Philip and James, AA.
2. c. S. Athanasius, B. C. D. — Ven. Ubaldus, C. III.O.
3. d. Finding of the Holy Cross.—SS. Alexander, Eventius, Theodulus, MM.
4. e. S. Monica, Wid.—B. Christopher of Milan, C. I.O.
5. f. S. Pius V., P. C.
6. g. S. John Ap. before the Latin Gate.
7. A. S. Stanislaus, B. M. — B. Agnellus of Pisa, C. I.O.
8. b. Apparition of St. Michael, Archangel.
9. c. S. Gregory Nazianzen, B. C. D.
10. d. S. Antoninus, B. C.—SS. Gordianus and Comp. MM.
11. e. S. George, M. — B. Benedict of Urbino, C. O.Cap.
12. f. SS. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla V., and Pancras, MM.
13. g. S. Peter Regalato, C. I.O. Indulg.
14. A. B. Francis of Fabriano, C. I.O.
15. b. S. John Baptist de la Salle,—B. Benvenute, C. I.O.

16. c. S. John Nepomucene, M.—S. Ubald, B. C.
17. d. S. Paschal Baylon, C. I.O. — Indulg.
18. e. S. Felix of Cantalicio, C. O.Cap.—Indulg.
19. f. S. Ivo, C. III.O. — Indulg.
20. g. S. Bernardine of Siena, C. I.O. — Indulg.
21. A. S. Venantius, M.
22. b. B. John Forest, M. I.O.—B. Humiliana, Wid. III.O.
23. c. S. Peter Celestine, P.C. — B. Crispin, C. O.Cap.
24. d. B. V. MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS.
25. e. Translation of the Body of St. Francis.—S. Urban, P. M.
26. f. S. Philip Neri, C. — Ven. Mary of Agreda, V. II.O.
27. g. S. Bede Ven., C. D.—S. John, P. M.
28. A. S. Gregory VII., P.C.
29. b. B. John de Prado, M. I.O.—B. Herculanus, C. I.O.
30. c. S. Ferdinand, King, C. III.O.—S. Felix I. P.M.—Indulg.
31. d. Gerard, C. III.O.—S. Petronilla, V. M.

JUNE

1. e. B. James, B. C. I.O.
2. f. B. Baptista, V. II.O. — SS. Marcelline, Peter, Erasmus, MM.
3. g. B. Andrew, C. I.O. — Indulg.
4. A. S. Francis Carracciolo, C.
5. b. B. Pacificus, C. I.O.
6. c. S. Norbert, B. C.
7. d. BB. Stephen and Raymond, MM. I.O.
8. e. S. Magdalene of Pazzi, V.—B. Bartholomew, C. I.O.

9. f. S. Paul of the Cross, C.—SS. Primus and Felicianus, MM.
10. g. B. Jolenta, Wid. II.O. — S. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Wid.
11. A. S. Barnabas, Ap.
12. b. B. Guy of Cortona, C. I.O.—SS. Basilides, Cyrinus, Nabor, Nazari, MM.
13. c. S. Anthony of Padua, C. I.O. — Indulg.
14. d. S. Basil, B. C. D.
15. e. S. John. C.
16. f. B. V. MARY OF PERPETUAL HELP.
17. g. S. Boniface, B. M.
18. A. S. Augustine, B. C. — SS. Marcus and Marcellianus, MM.
19. b. B. Michelina, Wid. III.O. — SS. Gervase and Protase, MM.
20. c. Octave of St. Anthony.—S. Silverius, P. M.
21. d. S. Aloysius Gonzaga, C.
22. e. S. Paulinus, B. C.
23. f. S. Vincent de Paul, C.
24. g. S. John Baptist. — Indulg.
25. A. S. William, Ab.
26. b. SS. John and Paul, MM. — B. Felix of Nicosia, C. O.Cap.
27. c. B. Benvenute, C. I.O.
28. d. S. Leo II, P. C.
29. e. SS. Peter and Paul, AA. — Indulg.
30. f. Commemoration of S. Paul. — † Ven. Roland of Chiusi.

JULY

1. g. FEAST OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD.—Oct. of S. John Baptist.

2. A. VISITATION OF THE B. V. MARY.—SS. Processus and Martinian, MM.
3. b. S. Juliana, V. — Ven. Andrew of Burgio, C. O.Cap.
4. c. DEDICATION OF THE CHURCHES OF THE THREE ORDERS OF S. FRANCIS.
5. d. S. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, C.
6. e. Oct. of SS. Peter and Paul, AA.
7. f. S. Lawrence of Brindisi, C. O.Cap.—Indulg.
8. g. S. Elizabeth of Portugal, Wid. III.O.—Indulg.
9. A. SS. Nicholas and Ten Comp. MM. at Gorcum, I.O.—Indulg.
10. b. SS. Seven Brothers, MM. — Ven. Bernard of Quintavalle, C. I.O.
11. c. S. Veronica Juliani, V. II.O. — S. Pius I, P. M.
12. d. S. John Gualbertus, Ab. — SS. Nabor and Felix, MM.
13. e. S. Anacletus, P. M.
14. f. S. Bonaventure, B. C. D. I.O.—Indulg.
15. g. Feast of the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord.—B. Angelina, Wid. III.O.
16. A. OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL.
17. b. S. Alexius, C.
18. c. B. Simon of Lypnica, C. I.O. — SS. Symphorosa and Seven Sons, MM.
19. d. B. John of Ducla, C. I.O.
20. e. S. Jerome Aemilianus, C.—S. Margaret, V. M.
21. f. Oct. of S. Bonaventure.—S. Praxedes, V.
22. g. S. Mary Magdalen.

23. A. S. Apollinaris, B. M. — S. Liborius, B. C.
24. b. S. Francis Solano, C. I.O.—S. Christina, V. M.—Indulg.
25. c. S. James, Ap. — S. Christopher, M.
26. d. S. Anna, Mother of the B. V. Mary. — Indulg.
27. e. B. Kunegunda, V. II.O. — S. Pantaleon, M.
28. f. SS. Nazarius, Celsus, Victor, PP. MM.— B. Nevolonus, C. III.O.
29. g. S. Martha, V.—SS. Felix II.P., Simplicus, Faustinus, and Beatrice, MM.
30. A. S. Camillus de Lellis, C. — SS. Abdon and Sennen, MM.
31. b. S. Ignatius, C.

AUGUST

1. c. S. Peter's Chains.—SS. Machabees, MM.
2. d. DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA, S. MARY OF THE ANGELS. — S. Stephen, P.M.
3. e. S. Alphonsus Liguori, B. C. D. — Finding the body of S. Stephen.
4. f. S. Dominic, C. — S. John Baptist Vianney, C. III.O.
5. g. Dedication of S. Mary's of the Snows.— B. Cichus, C. III.O.
6. A. Transfiguration of Our Lord.—SS. Xystus and Comp. MM.
7. b. S. Cajetan, C.—S. Donatus, B. M.
8. c. SS. Cyriacus, Largus, and Smaragdus, MM.

9. d. B. John of Alverno, C. I.O. — S. Romanus, M.
10. e. S. Lawrence, M.
11. f. Oct. of S. Dominic.— SS. Tiburtius and Susanna, MM.
12. g. S. Clare of Assisi, V. II.O. — Indulg.
13. A. B. Peter of Molleano, C. I.O. — SS. Hippolytus and Cassian, MM.
14. b. B. Sanctes, C. I.O.—S. Eusebius, C.
15. c. ASSUMPTION OF THE B. V. MARY.— Indulg.
16. d. S. Joachim, Father of the B. V. Mary.
17. e. S. Roch, C. III.O.
18. f. S. Helen, Wid. — S. Agapitus, B. M. — S. Clare of Montefalco, V. III.O.
19. g. S. Louis, B. C. I.O.—Indulg.
20. A. S. Bernard, Ab. D.
21. b. S. Jane Frances de Chantal, Wid.
22. c. SEVEN JOYS OF THE B. V. MARY.— Indulg.
23. d. S. Philip Beniti, C.
24. e. S. Bartholomew, Ap.
25. f. S. Louis, King of France, C. III.O.
26. g. S. Hyacinth, C. — S. Zephyrinus, P. M.
27. A. S. Joseph Calasanctius, C. — B. Timothy, C. I.O.
28. b. S. Augustine, B. C. D. — S. Hermes, M.
29. c. Beheading of S. John Baptist.— S. Sabina, M.
30. d. S. Rose of Lima, V.— SS. Felix and Adauctus, MM.
31. e. S. Raymond Nonnatus, C.

SEPTEMBER

1. f. B. Isabella, V. II.O.—S. Aegidius (Giles), Ab. — SS. Twelve Brothers, MM.
2. g. S. Stephen, King of Hungary, C.
3. A. BB. John and Peter, MM. I.O.
4. b. S. Rose of Viterbo, V. III.O. — Indulg.
5. c. B. Gentilis, M. I.O.
6. d. SS. Cyril and Methodius, BB. CC. — B. Vincent, C. I.O.
7. e. S. Lawrence Justinian, B. C.
8. f. NATIVITY OF THE B. V. MARY.— S. Adrian, M. — Indulg.
9. g. B. Seraphina, Wid. II.O. — S. Gorgonius, M.
10. A. S. Nicholas of Tolentino, C.
11. b. B. Bonaventure of Potenza, C. I.O. — SS. Protus and Hyacinth, MM.
12. c. Holy Name of the B. V. Mary.
13. d. BB. Apollinaris and Comp. MM. I. and III.O.
14. e. Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
15. f. SEVEN DOLORS OF THE B. V. M.— S. Nicomede, M. — B. Thomasuccio, C. III.O.
16. g. SS. Cornelius and Cyprian, MM. — SS. Euphemia and Comp. MM.
17. A. Sacred Stigmata of S. Francis. — Indulg.
18. b. S. Joseph of Cupertino, O.M.Convent.
19. c. SS. Januarius and Comp. MM.
20. d. SS. Eustace and Comp. MM.
21. e. S. Matthew, Ap. Ev.
22. f. S. Thomas of Villanova, B. C. — SS. Maurice and Comp. MM.—Ven. Ignatius, C. O.Cap.

23. g. Finding of the body of S. Clare.— S. Thecla, V. M.
24. A. S. Pacificus, C. I.O.— Indulg.
25. b. OUR LADY OF MERCY.
26. c. B. Lucy, III.O.—SS. Cyprian and Justina, MM.
27. d. S. Elzear, C. III.O.— Indulg.
28. e. B. Bernardine of Feltri, C. I.O.
29. f. Dedication of S. Michael, Archangel.
30. g. S. Jerome, C. D.

OCTOBER

1. A. B. Louisa of Savoy, Wid. II.O.— S. Remigius (Remy), B. C.
2. b. Holy Guardian Angels.
3. c. SS. Cosmas and Damian, MM.—Translation of the body of S. Clare.
4. d. SOLEMNITY OF OUR HOLY FATHER FRANCIS, Founder of the Three Orders. — Indulg.
5. e. B. John of Pinna, C. I.O. — SS. Placidus and Comp. MM.
6. f. S. Marie Frances, V. III.O. Indulg.
7. g. Feast of the Most Holy Rosary.— S. Henry, Emp., C.—S. Mark, P. C.— SS. Sergius and Comp. MM.
8. A. S. Bridget of Sweden, Wid.
9. b. SS. Dionysius (Dennis) and Comp. MM.— B. John, C. I.O.
10. c. S. Francis Borgia, C.
11. d. Oct. of our Holy Father Francis.
12. e. S. Seraphine, C. O.Cap.— Indulg.
13. f. SS. Daniel and Six Comp. MM.—Indulg.

14. g. S. Callistus I, P. M.
15. A. S. Theresa, V.
16. b. S. Wenceslaus, Duke of Bohemia, M.
17. c. S. Hedwig, Duchess of Poland, Wid.
18. d. S. Luke, Ev.
19. e. S. Peter of Alcantara, C. I.O.—Indulg.
20. f. S. John Cantius, C.
21. g. SS. Ursula and Comp. VV. MM.—S. Hilarion, Ab.
22. A. B. Ladislaus, C. I.O.
23. b. S. John Capistran, C. I.O. — Indulg.
24. c. S. Edward, King, C.
25. d. B. Francis of Calderola, C. I.O.—SS. Darius and Comp. MM.
26. e. S. Linus, P. M.—S. Evaristus, P. M.—Indulg.
27. f. S. Bruno, C.
28. g. SS. Simon and Jude, AA.
29. A. B. Paula of Mantua, V. II.O.
30. b B. Theophilus, C. I.O. — B. Liberatus, C. I.O.
31. c. B. Thomas, C. I.O.

The fixed day for the Feast of the Holy Rosary is Oct. 7, but the exterior solemnity, viz., Mass of the Most Holy Rosary, may be held on the first Sunday of October.

Oct. 22. The feast of the Dedication of the churches of the Three Orders, is celebrated *only* in the churches which have been *consecrated*.

NOVEMBER

1. d. FEAST OF ALL SAINTS.
2. e. COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.
3. f. † Ven. Humilis of Perugia, C. I.O.

4. g. S. Charles Borromeo, B. C.—SS. Vitalis and Agricola, MM.
5. A. B. Raynerius, C. I.O—B. Helena, V. II.O.
6. b. B. Felix Meda, V. II.O.
7. c. B. Bernardine of Fossa, C. I.O.
8. d. Oct. of All Saints.—Four Crowned Brothers, MM.
9. e. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.—S. Theodore, M.—Ven. Francis Ximenez, B. C. I.O.
10. f. S. Andrew Avellino, C.—SS. Tryphon and Comp. MM.
11. g. S. Martin, B. C. —S. Mennas, M.
12. A. S. Didacus, C. I.O.—B. John de Pace, C. III.O.—Indulg.
13. b. S. Martin, P. M.
14. c. B. Gabriel, C. I.O.—B. Nicholas, M. I.O.
15. d. S. Gertrude, V.—Ven. Rufinus, C. I.O.
16. e. S. Agnes of Assisi, V. II.O.—Indulg.
17. f. B. Salomea, V. II.O.
18. g. Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul.
19. A. S. Elizabeth of Hungary, Wid. III.O.—S. Pontianus, P. M.—Indulg.
20. b. S. Felix of Valois, C.
21. c. PRESENTATION OF THE B. V. MARY.
22. d. S. Cecilia, V. M.
23. e. S. Clement, P. M.—S. Felicitas, M.—Ven. Thomas Bullaker, M. I.O.
24. f. S. John of the Cross, C.
25. g. S. Catharine, V. M.—B. Elizabeth Bona, V. III.O.
26. A. S. Leonard of Port Maurice, C. I.O.—S. Peter, B. M.—Indulg.

27. b. S. Delphine, V. III.O. — B. Raymond M. III.O.—Indulg.
28. c. S. James of Marchia, C. I.O. — Indulg.
29. d. Feast of All Saints of the Three Orders o S. Francis.—S. Saturninus, M. — In dulg.
30. e. S. Andrew, Ap.

DECEMBER

1. f. † Ven. Innocentia, V. III.O.
2. g. S. Bibiana, V. M.
3. A. S. Francis Xavier, C.
4. b. S. Peter Chrysologus, B. C. D.— S. Bar bara, V. M.
5. c. B. Humilis, C. I.O. — S. Sabas, Ab.
6. d. S. Nicholas, B. C.
7. e. S. Ambrose, B. C. D. — B. Walter, B. C III.O.
8. f. IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B. V. MARY, Patroness of the Seraphic Order.—Ven. John Duns Scotus, C. I.O. — Indulg.
9. g. S. Sylvester, Ab. — B. Jane of Signa, V III.O.
10. A. Translation of the Holy House of Loretto —S. Melchiades, P. M.
11. b. S. Damasus, P. C.
12. c. Finding of the Body of our Holy Father S. Francis.
13. d. S. Lucy, V. M.
14. e. S. Gregory Thaumaturgus, B. C.—† Ven Berthold of Regensburg, C. I.O.
15. f. Oct. of the Immaculate Conception.

16. g. S. Eusebius, B. M.—Ven. Mary Crucifixa, V. III.O.
17. A. B. Margaret Colonna, V. II.O.
18. b. Expectation of the B. V. Mary.
19. c. B. Conrad of Ophyda, C. I.O.
20. d. S. Josaphat, B. M.
21. e. S. Thomas, Ap.
22. f. B. Hugoline, C. III.O.
23. g. B. Nicholas Factor, C. I.O.
24. A. Vigil of Christmas.
25. b. NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.—S. Anastasia, M.
26. c. S. Stephen, Protomartyr.
27. d. S. John Ap. Ev.
28. e. Holy Innocents, MM.—B. Hippolytus, C. III.O.
29. f. S. Thomas of Canterbury, B. M.
30. g. Ven. Innocent of Chiusa, C. III.O.
31. A. S. Sylvester, P. C.

Table of Movable Feasts

Year of Our Lord	Dominical Letter	Golden Number	The Epact	Septuagesima Sunday	Ash Wednesday	Easter Sunday
1915	c	16	14	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	Apr. 4
1916	bA	17	25	Feb. 20	Mar. 8	Apr. 23
1917	g	18	6	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	Apr. 8
1918	f	19	17	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	Mar. 31
1919	e	1	29	Feb. 16	Mar. 5	Apr. 20
1920	dc	2	10	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	Apr. 4
1921	b	3	21	Jan. 23	Feb. 9	Mar. 27
1922	A	4	2	Feb. 12	Mar. 1	Apr. 16
1923	g	5	13	Jan. 28	Feb. 14	Apr. 1
1924	fe	6	24	Feb. 17	Mar. 5	Apr. 20
1925	d	7	5	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	Apr. 12
1926	c	8	16	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	Apr. 4
1927	b	9	27	Feb. 13	Mar. 2	Apr. 17
1928	Ag	10	8	Feb. 5	Feb. 22	Apr. 8
1929	f	11	19	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	Mar. 31
1930	e	12	*	Feb. 16	Mar. 5	Apr. 20
1931	d	13	11	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	Apr. 5
1932	cb	14	22	Jan. 24	Feb. 10	Mar. 27
1933	A	15	3	Feb. 12	Mar. 1	Apr. 16
1934	g	16	14	Jan. 28	Feb. 14	Apr. 1
1935	f	17	25	Feb. 17	Mar. 6	Apr. 21
1936	ed	18	6	Feb. 9	Feb. 26	Apr. 12
1937	c	19	17	Jan. 24	Feb. 10	Mar. 28
1938	b	1	29	Feb. 13	Mar. 2	Apr. 17
1939	A	2	10	Feb. 5	Feb. 22	Apr. 9
1940	gf	3	21	Jan. 21	Feb. 7	Mar. 24
1941	e	4	2	Feb. 9	Feb. 26	Apr. 13
1942	d	5	13	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	Apr. 5
1943	c	6	24	Feb. 21	Mar. 10	Apr. 25
1944	bA	7	5	Feb. 6	Feb. 23	Apr. 9
1945	g	8	16	Jan. 28	Feb. 14	Apr. 1
1946	f	9	27	Feb. 17	Mar. 6	Apr. 21
1947	e	10	8	Feb. 2	Feb. 19	Apr. 6
1948	dc	11	19	Jan. 25	Feb. 11	Mar. 28
1949	b	12	*	Feb. 13	Mar. 2	Apr. 17
1950	A	13	11	Feb. 5	Feb. 22	Apr. 9
1951	g	14	22	Jan. 21	Feb. 7	Mar. 25
1952	fe	15	3	Feb. 10	Feb. 27	Apr. 13

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Year of Our Lord	Ascension Day	Whit-Sunday	Corpus Christi	Indiction	Sunday after Pentecost	First Sunday of Advent
1915	May 13	May 23	June 3	13	26	Nov. 28
1916	June 1	June 11	June 22	14	24	Dec. 3
1917	May 17	May 27	June 7	15	26	Dec. 2
1918	May 9	May 19	May 30	1	27	Dec. 1
1919	May 29	June 8	June 19	2	24	Nov. 30
1920	May 13	May 23	June 3	3	26	Nov. 28
1921	May 5	May 15	May 26	4	27	Nov. 27
1922	May 25	June 4	June 15	5	25	Dec. 3
1923	May 10	May 20	May 31	6	27	Dec. 2
1924	May 29	June 8	June 19	7	24	Nov. 30
1925	May 21	May 31	June 11	8	25	Nov 29
1926	May 13	May 23	June 3	9	26	Nov. 28
1927	May 26	June 5	June 16	10	24	Nov. 27
1928	May 17	May 27	June 7	11	26	Dec. 2
1929	May 9	May 19	May 30	12	27	Dec. 1
1930	May 29	June 8	June 19	13	24	Nov. 30
1931	May 14	May 24	June 4	14	26	Nov. 29
1932	May 5	May 15	May 26	15	27	Nov. 27
1933	May 25	June 4	June 15	1	25	Dec. 3
1934	May 10	May 20	May 31	2	27	Dec. 2
1935	May 30	June 9	June 20	3	24	Dec. 1
1936	May 21	May 31	June 11	4	25	Nov. 29
1937	May 6	May 16	May 27	5	27	Nov. 28
1938	May 26	June 5	June 16	6	24	Nov. 27
1939	May 18	May 28	June 8	7	26	Dec. 3
1940	May 2	May 12	May 23	8	28	Dec. 1
1941	May 22	June 1	June 12	9	25	Nov. 30
1942	May 14	May 24	June 4	10	26	Nov. 29
1943	June 3	June 13	June 24	11	23	Nov. 28
1944	May 18	May 28	June 8	12	26	Dec. 3
1945	May 10	May 20	May 31	13	27	Dec. 2
1946	May 30	June 9	June 30	14	24	Dec. 1
1947	May 15	May 25	June 5	15	26	Nov. 30
1948	May 6	May 16	May 27	1	27	Nov. 28
1949	May 26	June 5	June 16	2	24	Nov. 27
1950	May 18	May 28	June 8	3	26	Dec. 3
1951	May 3	May 13	May 24	4	28	Dec. 2
1952	May 22	June 1	June 12	5	25	Nov. 30

Morning Devotions

Prayers to be Said Whilst Dressing

At the signal of the bell for rising, bless yourself, and say:

SWEET Jesus, I salute Thy most loving Heart, and I offer Thee my own; enkindle it with the fire of Thy divine love. Amen.

When putting on your shoes—

GRANT, O my God, that every step I take this day may be directed by Thy holy will, and bring me nearer to Thee. Amen.

Now call to mind the subject of meditation and the point of particular examen.

When putting on the religious habit—

I AM unworthy, O my Jesus, to be clothed in the livery of Thy spouses; yet grant me the grace to wear it faithfully in a spirit of penance until death.

When putting on the cord—

MAY this girdle remind me of Thy passion, O Lord, and urge me to do works of mortification and charity.

When putting on the religious veil—

MAY this veil, my dearest Jesus, hide me from the world, and ever remind me of my consecration to Thy love and service.

When taking holy water—

O JESUS, purify my soul from every stain of sin, and grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed.

Morning Prayers

IN THE Name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. Blessed be the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity,

R. Now and forever. Amen.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:* The earth is full of Thy glory. Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son, glory be to the Holy Ghost.

Indulgence of 100 days, every day.—Clement XIV, June 26, 1770.

MOST holy and undivided Trinity prostrate at the throne of Thy mercy, I adore Thy divine Majesty,* and acknowledge that Thou alone art worthy of all love, praise, and thanksgiving.

Blessed be Thy holy name, most sovereign Lord, for all favors bestowed on me, or any other creature;* but especially I thank Thee for my creation, redemption, and preservation;* for my call to Thy holy Catholic Church and the religious state, and my perseverance therein;* for having preserved me this night from all evil of body and soul, and granted me this day wherein I may serve Thee.

I offer Thee, my God, in thanksgiving for these and all other favors, my soul and body,* my memory, understanding, and will, and all the thoughts, words, and deeds of my whole life,* in union with the bitter death and passion of my dear Savior Jesus Christ,* the merits of His blessed Mother, the ever Immaculate Virgin Mary, and of all the saints and angels in heaven and faithful upon earth.

I offer Thee my baptismal and religious vows, renouncing anew the devil with all his works, the world with all its pomps,

the flesh with all its temptations,* and promising again to live in poverty, in chastity, and in obedience.

Especially I offer Thee all the sacrifices of Mass that will be offered this day throughout the world; * for the eternal praise of Thy adorable Majesty; * in thanksgiving for all benefits bestowed upon me; * to obtain pardon for my sins, an increase of Thy divine love, and all the graces and blessings of which I am most in need,* especially for the grace of perseverance in Thy holy service until death.

I offer this oblation also for our Sovereign Pontiff,* for all our superiors, spiritual and temporal, * for the conversion of sinners, for the whole universal Church, and for those who are recommended to my prayers.

The satisfactory part of the holy Mass, together with the indulgences I may gain this day,* I freely offer for the souls in purgatory.

AN ACT OF FAITH

O MY God, I firmly believe all the sacred truths the holy Catholic Church believes and teaches, because

Thou has revealed them,* who neither canst deceive nor be deceived.

AN ACT OF HOPE

O MY God, relying upon Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain the pardon of my sins,* the assistance of Thy grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

AN ACT OF CHARITY

O MY God, I love Thee with my whole heart and soul, purely because Thou art infinitely worthy and deserving of my love. I love also my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION

O MY God, I am sorry for having offended Thee, because Thou art infinitely good, infinitely amiable, and because sin is infinitely displeasing to Thee;* I make a firm resolution, with the assistance of Thy holy grace, to amend my life and never more to offend Thee.

Invocations

O MY Queen! O my Mother! I give myself entirely to thee;* I consecrate to thee this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being, without reserve. Wherefore, O good Mother, as I am thine own,* keep me, guard me, as thy property and possession.

St. Joseph, holy Father Francis, my holy patrons, and all ye saints whose relics we have,* pray for me.

Angel of God, my Guardian, enlighten, protect, rule, and guide me. Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days, every time.—Pius VII, May 15, 1821.

Acts Preceding Meditation

I ADORE Thee, O my God, with all the angels and saints. I believe in Thee; increase my faith. I hope in Thee; strengthen my hope. I love Thee; grant that I may love Thee more and more. I am heartily sorry for all my sins and firmly resolve never more to offend thee.

O my God, without Thy grace I can do nothing;* I am not even capable of good thoughts, unless Thou inspire them.

Therefore I implore Thee, O Holy Spirit,* enlighten my understanding and enkindle in my heart the fire of Thy divine love.

O thou most loving Virgin Mother, dear advocate St. Joseph,* holy Father Francis, and you, my holy patrons,* pray for me that this meditation may contribute to the honor and glory of God and to my own salvation. Amen.

Meditation

At the conclusion:

Our Father. Hail Mary.

V. O Mary! conceived without sin;

R. Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

After the afternoon's meditation say one "Our Father," "Hail Mary," and "Glory be to the Father," for our Holy Father the Pope, our bishops, and confessors.

Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear us.
Jesus, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, Son of the living God,
Jesus, splendor of the Father,
Jesus, brightness of eternal light,
Jesus, king of glory,
Jesus, the sun of justice,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus amiable,
Jesus admirable,
Jesus, the powerful God,
Jesus, Father of the world to come
Jesus, Angel of the great council,
Jesus most powerful,
Jesus most patient,
Jesus most obedient,
Jesus meek and humble of heart,
Jesus, lover of chastity,
Jesus, lover of us,
Jesus, God of peace,
Jesus, author of life,
Jesus, model of all virtues,
Jesus, zealous for souls,
Jesus, our God,
Jesus, our refuge,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Father of the poor,
Jesus, treasure of the faithful,
Jesus, good shepherd,
Jesus, true light,
Jesus, eternal wisdom,
Jesus, infinite goodness,
Jesus, our way and our life,
Jesus, joy of angels,
Jesus, king of the patriarchs,
Jesus, master of the apostles,
Jesus, teacher of the evangelists,
Jesus, strength of martyrs,
Jesus, light of confessors,
Jesus, purity of virgins,
Jesus, crown of all saints,

Have mercy on us.

Be merciful, spare us, O Jesus.
Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Jesus.

From all evil,
From all sin,
From Thy wrath,
From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of fornication,
From eternal death,
From the neglect of Thy inspirations
Through the mystery of Thy holy incarnation,
Through Thy nativity,
Through Thy infancy,

Deliver us, O Jesus.

Through Thy most divine life,
Through Thy labors,
Through Thy agony and passion,
Through Thy cross and dereliction,
Through Thy languors,
Through Thy death and burial,
Through Thy resurrection,
Through Thy ascension,
Through Thy institution of the most holy Eucharist,
Through Thy joys,
Through Thy glory,

Deliver us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, O Jesus.

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

Let us pray

O LORD Jesus Christ, who hast said: Ask, and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; mercifully attend to our supplications, and grant us the gift of Thy divine charity, that we may ever love Thee with

our whole heart, and never desist from Thy praise.

Give us, O Lord, a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name, for Thou never ceasest to direct and govern by Thy grace those whom Thou instructest in the solidity of Thy love; who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

Indulgence 300 days, once a day.—Leo XIII, January 16, 1886.

Night Prayers

IN the Name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O my God! ⋆ I adore Thee through the Sacred Heart of Thy divine Son as my Creator and sovereign Good;⋆ I give Thee thanks for all Thy mercies, spiritual and temporal, general and particular, but more especially for the favors bestowed on me this day.

O my Lord Jesus Christ! Judge of the living and the dead, before whom I must one day appear to give an exact account of my whole life,⋆ enlighten me, I beseech Thee, and give me a humble and contrite heart, that I may see wherein I have offended Thy infinite Majesty,⋆ and judge myself now with such a just severity that then Thou mayest judge me with mercy and clemency. Amen.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

How have I made the examination of conscience the preceding evening? Have I kept strict silence after night prayers? Have I endeavored to be recollected? Have I been prompt in rising? Have I given my first thoughts to God? Have I recalled the subject of meditation and of the particular examen? How have

I made my meditation? What resolutions have I made? Have I said the Office piously, attentively, respectfully, with due care to the pronunciation and of the ceremonies? Have I attended holy Mass with devotion? What preparation have I made for holy communion? Have I made a proper thanksgiving? Have I said all my prayers during the day, at the appointed time and in the appointed place? Have I endeavored to ward off all wilful distractions? Have I made the particular examen with exactness, and with a desire to become perfect? How have I spent the time of recreation? Have I been exact in keeping silence? Have I performed my work diligently, quietly, and with a good intention? Have I carefully prepared my lessons for school? Have I been patient with the shortcomings and ill manners of the children? Have I indulged in ease, useless employment, unprofitable reading? Have I shown ill-humor toward any one in actions or in words? Have I been entirely truthful? Have I formed rash judgments? Have I carried tales, thereby creating discord? Have I taken pleasure in hearing myself praised? What mortification have I practiced to-day? Have I been obedient and respectful to superiors? Have I perhaps censured their proceedings? Have I lent or borrowed, given or taken anything without permission? Have I wasted anything?

(The examination lasts about four minutes.)

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AN ACT OF CONTRITION

MOST merciful Lord! ★ I am sorry from the bottom of my heart for all the sins I have committed, purely because they are offensive to Thee, who art a God of infinite goodness;★ I sincerely

detest them, and firmly purpose with the help of Thy grace never more to offend Thee. Enlighten my understanding, and strengthen my will, that I may persevere in Thy favor till death. Amen.

O my God! I firmly believe all the sacred truths the holy Catholic Church believes and teaches, because Thou hast revealed them. Relying upon Thy goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, and life everlasting,* through the merits of Jesus Christ, and by the intercession of His blessed Mother and all the saints. I love Thee above all things with my whole heart and soul, purely for Thyself, and I desire to love Thee as the Blessed do in heaven. I love also my neighbor for Thy sake as I love myself;* I sincerely forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. I adore all the designs of Thy divine Providence, resigning myself entirely to Thy holy will. I desire to be dissolved and be with Christ.

V. Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit.

R. Sweet Jesus, receive my soul.

May the blessed Virgin Mary, St.

Joseph, our holy Father Francis,* and all the saints and angels glorify, adore, and love the sacred Heart of Jesus for me this night,* and pray for me to our Lord, that I may be preserved during it from all sin and evil.

Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, that we perish not in the tremendous judgment.

Indulgence of 100 days.—Leo XIII, August 19, 1893.

O angel of God, to whose holy care I am committed by the Supreme Clemency,* enlighten, govern, and defend me this night from all sin and danger.

Ant. Save us, O Lord! waking, and keep us while sleeping, that we may watch with Christ, and rest in peace. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night to keep us without sin. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come unto Thee.

Let us pray

VISIT, we beseech Thee, O Lord! this habitation, and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy. Let Thy holy angels dwell therein to preserve us in

peace, and may Thy blessing be upon us forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God the Father! bless us;* Jesus Christ! defend and keep us;* Holy Ghost! enlighten and sanctify us this night and forever;* and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Litany of the Sacred Heart

Indulgence of 300 days, once a day.—Leo XIII, April 2, 1899.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father,
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mother,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God,
Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty,
Heart of Jesus, sacred temple of God,
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High.
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven,
Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity,
Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love,
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love,
Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,
Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts,
Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,
Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells the fulness of the Divinity,
Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is well pleased,
Heart of Jesus, of whose fulness we have all received,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,
Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful,
Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke Thee
Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness,
Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins,
Heart of Jesus, filled with reproaches,
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our sins,
Heart of Jesus, obedient unto death,
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation,
Heart of Jesus, victim for sin,
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in Thee,
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in Thee,
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints,

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

V. Jesus, meek and humble of heart,

R. Make our hearts like unto Thine.

Let us pray

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, look upon the Heart of Thy dearly beloved Son and upon the praise and satisfaction He offers Thee in behalf of sinners, and being appeased, grant pardon to those who seek Thy mercy, in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

For the Church, the Supreme Pontiff, and the Clergy; for our congregation, superiors, relatives, friends, benefactors, and for the poor souls in purgatory

O most sacred Heart of Jesus, pour down Thy blessings abundantly upon Thy Church,* upon the Supreme Pontiff, and upon all the clergy. Give perseverance to the just, convert sinners, enlighten unbelievers;* bless our congregation, our superiors, our parents, friends, and bene-

factors;* help the dying, free the souls in purgatory, and extend over all hearts the sweet empire of Thy love. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, once a day.—Pius X, June 16, 1906.

FOR PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE

Our Father, etc. Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, St. Agatha.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

When Retiring

DETACH my heart from sin, O Lord, and from all that displeases Thee in me. Holy Mary, my Mother, remember that I am thine; protect me, defend me, as thy property and possession. My angel guardian, watch over me. Holy Father Francis, pray for me.

Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pius VII, August 26, 1814.

Method of Assisting at Mass

From St. Leonard of Port Maurice

To pay the fourfold debt which you owe to God, imagine that you are the debtor in the Gospel, who owed ten thousand talents, and that you hear the divine Justice demanding payment. Ask the Lord to have patience with you, and to allow you sufficient time to hear Mass; tell him that, in the Mass, Jesus will enable you to make full satisfaction to His Justice. Then divide the Mass into four parts.

From the Beginning to the Offertory

Humble yourself with Jesus, and sinking into the abyss of your own nothingness, confess sincerely that you are a most miserable nothing before the Majesty of God; thus humbled interiorly, and with a composed and modest exterior, say:

O MY God, I adore Thee. I acknowledge Thee as my Lord, and the Master of my soul. I protest that all I am and have are Thy gifts. And, because Thy Majesty merits infinite honor and homage, I, who am a poor miserable creature, utterly incapable of paying the great debt which I owe to Thee, offer to Thee the humiliations and homage which Jesus presents to Thee on the altar: what Jesus does, I also intend to do. I humble and prostrate myself with Him before Thy Majesty. I am filled with

joy and delight in reflecting that Jesus gives Thee, for me, infinite honor and homage.

From the Offertory to the Elevation

Reflect on the enormity of your sins, and on the immense debt which you have contracted by them toward the divine Justice, and say with a humble heart:

BEHOLD, my God, the sinner, who has so often rebelled against Thee. With a sorrowful heart, and with all the affections of my soul, I abhor and detest all my sins, and I offer for them the same satisfaction which Jesus presents to Thee on the altar. I offer to Thee all the merits of Jesus, the blood of Jesus, Jesus entirely, God and man, who is here immolated again for me. And since my Jesus Himself is here on this altar, my Mediator and Advocate, and since, with His most precious blood He implores pardon for me, I unite with the cry of His blood, and supplicate mercy for all my sins. The blood of Jesus cries for mercy; my sorrowful heart also implores mercy. Ah, my heavenly Father, if my tears do not move Thee, let at least the groans of my Jesus excite Thy pity. Why should He

not obtain for me that mercy which He obtained on the cross for the whole human race? Yes, I hope, in view of that most precious blood, that Thou wilt pardon all my sins, which I shall bewail till my last breath.

From the Elevation to the Communion

Reflecting on the great benefits received from God, you ought in return offer Him a gift of infinite value; this is the body and blood of Christ. Invite all the angels and saints to thank God, in the following, or in some similar manner:

BEHOLD me, O my most loving God, loaded with the general and particular benefits which Thou hast bestowed, and wilt bestow upon me in time and eternity. I know that Thy mercies to me are infinite. But I am ready to pay Thee for all, even to the last farthing. Behold, the tribute of my gratitude, the payment which I offer for all Thy goodness, is this divine blood, this most precious body, this innocent Victim, which I present to Thee by the hands of the priest. I am certain that this oblation is sufficient to pay for all the gifts Thou hast conferred upon me: this gift of infinite value is an equivalent for all the favors I have ever

received from Thee. Ah, ye holy angels, and all ye blessed spirits, help me to thank my God; and in thanksgiving for all His benefits, offer to Him not only this Mass, but also all the Masses that are now celebrated throughout the world, that His loving goodness may be fully recompensed for all the graces which He has bestowed, and will bestow upon me, now and for all eternity. Amen.

From the Communion to the End of Mass

Knowing that during this time Jesus is united with you and prays and supplicates for you, dilate your heart, and with great confidence ask for graces, not for things of little value, but for great graces; for great is the oblation of the divine Son, which you present to the Father. Say to Him with a humble heart:

O ETERNAL Father, I acknowledge that I am utterly unworthy of Thy favors. I confess my unworthiness, and that for my many sins, I do not deserve to be heard. But how canst Thou refuse to hear Thy Son, who on this altar prays for me, and offers for me His blood and His life? My most loving God, hear the prayers of my great Advocate, and for His sake, grant me all the graces which

Thou knowest to be necessary to secure my salvation. I am now encouraged to ask of Thee a general pardon of all my sins, and the gift of final perseverance. Trusting in the merits of my Jesus, I ask of Thee, O my God, all virtues in a heroic degree, and all the efficacious helps necessary to make me a saint. I ask of Thee the conversion of all sinners especially of those related to me. I ask for my sisters in religion a true devotion: make them all saints, that this house may be to Thee a place of delights, and a school of virtue to us all. Amen.

Prayers Ordered by Pope Leo XIII to be said after every Low Mass

Hail Mary, three times.

HAIL, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

O GOD, our refuge and strength, look down in mercy on Thy people who cry to Thee; and by the intercession of the glorious and immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of St. Joseph her spouse, of Thy blessed apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the saints, mercifully and graciously hear our prayers for the conversion of sinners, and for the liberty and exaltation of our holy mother, the Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wiles and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust down into hell Satan and all wicked spirits, who roam through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days.—Leo XIII, September 25, 1888.

Most sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! (*Thrice.*)

Indulgence of 7 years and 7 quarantines.—Pius X, June 17, 1904.

Devotions for Confession

Before Confession

O MY most clement Lord Jesus Christ, only hope of my salvation, grant me, I beseech Thee, grace to prepare duly for this holy confession. Give me real contrition for my sins and have mercy on me a poor sinner. Remember, O Lord, that for me Thou didst descend from heaven to earth and didst die on a cross. Regard not the evil that I have done, but what Thy infinite goodness and mercy have wrought; for, if I have done that for which I deserve to be condemned, Thou hast done and suffered so much that I may hope to be saved. Pardon me then, O Thou my Lord and Savior, and heal the wounds of my soul by Thy most holy wounds. Illumine my heart with the rays of Thy divine light, in order that I may know all my sins and imperfections and may deplore and confess them entirely with perfect contrition and a sincere heart. Amen.

O Mary, my mother, immaculate spouse of the Holy Ghost, refuge of sinners, assist me by your powerful intercession.

My angel guardian and my holy patron saint, pray for me.

Examination of Conscience

An Act of Contrition

ETERNAL Father! I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they displease Thee, my God, who art all-good and deserving of my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

After Confession

MY LORD Jesus Christ, with all my heart I pray Thee by the infinite merits of Thy most sacred passion, to accept in Thy bounty this confession; and may Thy infinite mercy supply whatever has been wanting through my neglect, either in the sufficiency of the grief and contrition, or in the integrity of the confession itself, and grant me a full and entire absolution in heaven.

I pray Thee by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, my angel guardian,

and my patron saints, to defend me against all temptations, and give me grace to overcome them, keeping inviolably to my last moment the resolutions I have made, and which I now renew, to die rather than offend Thee, who art my God, my Father, my Redeemer, and my only Good. Amen.

Devotions for Holy Communion

Before Communion

PRAYER OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, behold I approach the sacrament of Thy only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I approach as one sick to the physician of life; as one unclean to the fountain of mercy; as one blind to the light of everlasting brightness; as one poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Therefore I implore the abundance of Thy measureless bounty, as far as Thou mayest vouchsafe to heal my infirmity, to cleanse my filth, to enlighten my blindness, to clothe my nakedness, that I may receive the bread of angels, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, with so much reverence and humility, so much contrition and devotion, so much purity and faith, such a purpose and intention, as is expedient to my soul's salvation. Give me, I beseech Thee, not only the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood, but also the substance and efficacy of the sacrament. O most gracious God, give me so to receive

the body of Thy only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, which He drew from the Virgin Mary, that I may merit to be incorporated with His mystical body, and to be numbered amongst its members. O most loving Father, grant that as I now receive Thy beloved Son veiled in this life, I may at last contemplate Him without a veil in my heavenly country, where with Thee and the Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

Short Acts for Holy Communion

O MY Jesus, I firmly believe all Thou hast revealed. Upon Thy word I believe that under the appearance of bread and wine Thou art truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

O my Jesus, I hope in Thee. Through the power of this sacrament I hope for all the graces necessary to obtain eternal salvation.

O my Jesus, I love Thee with my whole heart and above all things, because Thou art the supremely good and infinitely perfect Being.

O my Jesus, I detest all the sins of my

life; I am truly sorry that I have offended Thee, because Thou art infinitely good and sin displeases Thee.

O Jesus my Lord, and God of infinite sanctity, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come to me, but say only the word and my soul shall be healed.

O Jesus, my Savior and my King, my soul longs for Thee, my heart desires to receive Thee; come Thou to me.

After Holy Communion

INVOCATIONS

SOUL of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy wounds hide me.
Let me not be separated from Thee.
From the malignant enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to Thee,
That with Thy saints I may praise Thee
For ever and ever. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pius IX, January 9, 1854.

ADORATION

MY SAVIOR and my God! with the holy angels who surround Thy altar-throne, I bow down in humble adoration before Thy Majesty, and cry out from the depths of my heart, My Lord! my God! my all!

THANKSGIVING OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

I GIVE Thee thanks, eternal Father, for having out of Thy pure mercy, without any deserts of mine, been pleased to feed my soul with the body and blood of Thy only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I beseech Thee that this holy communion may not be to my condemnation, but prove an effectual remission of all my sins. May it strengthen my faith; encourage me in all that is good; deliver me from my vicious customs; remove all concupiscence; perfect me in charity, patience, humility, obedience, and in all other virtues. May it secure me against all the snares of my enemies, both visible and invisible; perfectly moderate all my inclinations, closely unite me to Thee, the true and only Good, and obtain for me the grace of a happy death. Do Thou, O heavenly Father,

vouchsafe one day to call me, though an unworthy sinner, to participate in that ineffable banquet, where Thou with Thy Son and the Holy Ghost, art to Thy saints true light, full contentment, everlasting joy, consummate pleasure, and perfect happiness, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND PETITIONS

MY GOOD Jesus, I thank Thee with all my heart for giving me Thyself in holy communion. I thank Thee for all the blessings that I have received through the holy Eucharist, in which Thou art ever present to console us in our afflictions and to help us in our needs.

As a thanksgiving for all Thy favors, I offer Thee all that I am and have. I give Thee myself, that I may always serve Thee; I give Thee my body, that it may be chaste and pure; my soul, that it may be free from sin; my heart, that it may love Thee alone and forever. I give Thee my whole being in life and in death, that I may be always Thine and glorify Thee eternally. May Thy holy will be done in me and through me, now and forever. Amen.

I beseech Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, to aid me in my struggle against temptations, to help me conquer my predominant passion, and to grant me the grace of final perseverance.

O Jesus, supreme Pontiff, have mercy on Thy holy Church and on its visible head, our Holy Father, the Pope. O Jesus, to Thy compassion I recommend all sinners, heretics, and infidels; save them by Thy precious blood.

O dear Jesus, bless my parents, my brothers and sisters, my friends and benefactors, and all those who have asked my prayers; bless them now and at the hour of their death.

O Jesus, I pray Thee by Thy bitter passion and death, have pity on the souls in purgatory and deliver them from their torments.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them May they rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

TAKE, O Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. Thou hast given me all that I am and all that I

possess; I surrender it all to Thee that Thou mayest dispose of it according to Thy will. Give me only Thy love and Thy grace; with these I will be rich enough, and will have no more to desire.

Indulgence of 300 days, once a day.—Leo XIII, May 26, 1883.

Indulgenced Prayer before a Crucifix

LOOK down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment; while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, and calling to mind the words which David, Thy prophet, said of Thee, my good Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and feet; they have numbered all my bones."

Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father, three times, for the intention of the Holy Father.

General Devotions

Devotions to the Most Holy Trinity

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

IN THE name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days.—Pius IX, March 23, 1876.

BLESSED be the Holy Trinity, and undivided Unity: we will give glory to Him, because He has shown mercy to us.

O Lord our Lord, how wonderful is Thy name in all the earth!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast granted Thy servants to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity in the confession of the true faith, and to adore the Unity in the power of

Thy Majesty; we beseech Thee, that by firmness in the same faith, we may be ever protected from all adversities. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

From the Roman Missal.—Trinity Sunday.

Gradual—Trinity Sunday

BLESSED art Thou, O Lord, who beholdest the depths, and sittest upon the Cherubim.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven, and worthy of praise forever.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and worthy of praise forever.

INVOCATIONS

OMNIPOTENCE of the Father, help my weakness, and deliver me from the depth of misery.

Wisdom of the Son, direct all my thoughts, words, and actions.

Love of the Holy Ghost, be Thou the source and beginning of all the operations

of my soul, whereby they may be always conformable to the divine will.

Indulgence of 200 days, once a day.—Leo XIII, March 15, 1890.

My God, grant that I may love Thee, and may it be the only reward of my love to love Thee always more and more.

Indulgence of 100 days, once a day.—Leo XIII, March 15, 1890.

EJACULATIONS

MY GOD, my only good, Thou art all mine; grant that I may be all Thine.

Indulgence of 300 days, once a day.—Leo XIII. March 13, 1902.

My God, unite all minds in truth, and all hearts in charity.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pius X, May 30, 1908.

My God and my all!

Indulgence of 50 days, every time.—Leo XIII, May 4, 1888.

Prayer

I ADORE Thee, O my God, one God in three persons; I annihilate myself before Thy majesty. Thou alone art being, life, truth, beauty, and goodness. I glorify Thee, I praise Thee, I thank

Thee, and I love Thee, all incapable and unworthy as I am, in union with Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Father, in the mercifulness of His Heart and through His infinite merits. I wish to serve Thee, to please Thee, to obey Thee, and to love Thee always, in union with Mary Immaculate, Mother of God and our mother, loving also and serving my neighbor for Thy sake. Therefore give me Thy holy Spirit to enlighten, correct and guide me in the way of Thy commandments and in all perfection, until we come to the happiness of heaven, where we shall glorify Thee forever. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pius X, April 18, 1906.

Devotions to the Holy Ghost

Hymn and Sequence of the Holy Ghost

HYMN

COME, Holy Ghost, Creator, come,
From Thy bright heavenly throne;
Come, take possession of our souls,
And make them all Thine own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,
Best gift of God above;
The living spring, the living fire,
Sweet unction and true love.

Thou, who art sevenfold in Thy grace,
Finger of God's right hand,
His promise, teaching little ones
To speak and understand.

O! guide our minds with Thy blessed light,
With love our hearts inflame
And with Thy strength which ne'er decays,
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our hellish foe,
True peace unto us bring;
And through all perils lead us safe
Beneath Thy sacred wing.

Through Thee may we the Father know,
Through Thee the eternal Son,
And Thee, the Spirit of them both—
Thrice blessed three in one.

All glory to the Father be,
And to His risen Son,
The like to Thee, great Paraclete,
While endless ages run. Amen.

SEQUENCE

HOLY Spirit! Lord of light!
From Thy clear celestial height,
Thy pure beaming radiance give:

Come, Thou Father of the poor!
Come, with treasures which endure!
Come! Thou light of all that live!

Thou of all consolers best,
Visiting the troubled breast,
Dost refreshing peace bestow:

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal! Light divine!
V sit Thou these hearts of Thine,
And our inmost being fill.

If Thou take Thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds—our strength renew;
On our dryness pour Thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on those who evermore
Thee confess and Thee adore,
In Thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give them comfort when they die;
Give them life with Thee on high;
Give them joys which never end. Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days, each time, for reciting either the hymn or the sequence.—Pius VI, May 26, 1796.

Versicle, Response, and Prayer to the Holy Ghost

V. SEND forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray

O GOD, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to relish what is right, and evermore to rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Consecration to the Holy Ghost

O HOLY Spirit, divine Spirit of light and love, I consecrate to Thee my understanding, heart, and will, my whole being for time and eternity. May my understanding be always submissive to Thy heavenly inspirations, and to the teaching of the Catholic Church, of which Thou art the infallible guide; may my heart be ever inflamed with love of God and of my neighbor; may my will be ever conformed to the divine will, and may my whole life be a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom, with the Father and Thee, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, once a day.—Pius X, June 5, 1908.

Thanksgiving, Consecration, and Prayer to the Holy Ghost

HOLY Spirit, divine Consoler, I adore Thee as my true God; I bless Thee by uniting myself to the praises Thou dost receive from angels and saints. I offer Thee my whole heart, and I render Thee heartfelt thanks for all the benefits Thou hast bestowed and dost unceasingly bestow upon the world. Thou, who art the author of all supernatural gifts, and who didst enrich with immense favors the soul of the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, I beseech Thee to visit me by Thy grace and Thy love, and to grant me Thy sevenfold gift, in order that I may with constant love and perseverance walk in the way of my eternal salvation. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

O GOD, who dost infuse into the hearts of Thy faithful the gifts of charity by the grace of the Holy Spirit; grant to Thy servants, we beseech Thee, health of mind and body, that they may love Thee with all their strength, and with a perfect love do such things as are pleasing in Thy sight.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the splendor of Thy brightness may shine upon us, and that by the enlightening of Thy Holy Spirit Thou mayest confirm the hearts of those who are regenerated by Thy grace.

O Jesus, my Lord and my God, grant me true humility, purity, and a true devotion to Thy blessed Sacrament, that I may be always worthy to receive the grace of the Holy Ghost and the fruits of Thy most holy Sacrament. Amen.

Invocations

COME, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pius X, May 8, 1907.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth, come into our hearts; give to all people the brightness of Thy light, that they may be well pleasing to Thee in unity of faith.

Indulgence of 100 days, once a day.—Leo XIII, July 31, 1897.

Our Lord Jesus Christ

Visit to the Blessed Sacrament

O DIVINE Redeemer of our souls, who of Thy great goodness hast been pleased to leave us Thy precious body and blood in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar, I adore Thee with the most profound reverence. I humbly thank Thee for all the favors Thou hast bestowed upon us, especially for the institution of this most holy Sacrament. And as Thou art the source of every blessing, I entreat Thee to pour down Thy benediction this day upon us, and upon all those for whom we offer up our prayers. And that nothing may interrupt the course of Thy blessing, I beseech Thee to banish from my heart all that displeases Thee. Pardon me my sins, O my God, since I sincerely detest them for love of Thee; purify my heart, sanctify my soul, bestow on me a blessing like that which Thou didst grant to Thy disciples at Thy ascension into heaven. Grant me a blessing that may change, consecrate, and unite me perfectly to Thee, and may fill me with Thy spirit, and be to me in this life a

foretaste of those blessings which Thou reservest for Thy elect in heaven. All this I beg of Thee in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori

MY Lord Jesus Christ, who for the love which Thou bearest to men dost remain day and night in this Sacrament, full of mercy and of love, inviting, expecting, receiving all who come to visit Thee, I believe that Thou art present in the blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I adore Thee, confessing my own misery and nothingness, and I thank Thee for all the mercies which Thou hast bestowed upon me, especially for having given me Thy most holy Mother Mary for my advocate, and for having called me to visit Thee at this time. I salute Thy most loving Heart, and I desire to do so for three ends: 1, In thanksgiving for this great gift; 2, To atone for all the injuries Thou hast received from Thy enemies in this Sacrament; 3, To adore Thee in all places in which Thou art least honored and most neglected in the holy Sacrament. O my Jesus, I love Thee with all my heart;

I am sorry for having hitherto displeased Thy infinite goodness; I resolve, with the assistance of Thy grace, never more to offend Thee; and at this moment, miserable as I am, I desire to consecrate my whole being to Thee. I give Thee my will, my affections, my desires, and all that I have. From this day forward do with me, and whatever belongs to me, what Thou pleasest; I ask and desire only Thy love, the gift of final perseverance, and the perfect accomplishment of Thy holy will. I recommend to Thee the souls in purgatory, particularly those who were most devout to the blessed Sacrament and to holy Mary; and I recommend to Thee all poor sinners. Finally, my dear Savior, I unite all my affections to Thy most loving Heart, and thus united, I offer them to Thy eternal Father, and I beseech Him in Thy name, and for Thy sake, to accept them. Amen.

Spiritual Communion

I BELIEVE in Thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar; I love Thee above all things, and I desire to receive Thee into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace Thee, and I unite myself to Thee, as if Thou wert already there. Oh, permit me not ever to be separated from Thee! O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of Thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may die for love of Thee, who wast pleased to die for love of me.

PRAYER

VOUCHSAFE, O Lord Jesus Christ, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, to pour down upon me Thy most holy benediction, that I may be enabled always to love Thee, and seek to accomplish Thy divine will in all things. Grant, O Bread of angels, that I may deserve to receive Thee during life, to be comforted by Thee in death, and to enjoy Thee eternally in Thy heavenly kingdom. Amen.

O Sacrum Convivium

O SACRED banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memory of His passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and the pledge of future glory is given unto us.

At the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

O SACRAMENT most holy, O Sacrament divine!
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!

Indulgence of 100 days, once a day.—Pius VII, December 7, 1819.

My Lord and My God!

Indulgence of 7 years and 7 quarantines when said while lovingly looking upon the Sacred Host.—Pius X, May 18, 1907.

An Act of Reparation

JESUS my God, my Savior, true God and true man, in that lowly reverence with which faith itself inspires me, I adore and love Thee with my whole heart in the most august Sacrament of the Altar, in reparation for all the acts of irreverence, profanation, and sacrilege, which I myself may ever have been so unhappy as to have committed, as well as for all such like acts that ever have been done by others, or that may be done in ages yet to come. I adore Thee, my God, not indeed as Thou deservest, nor as much as I am bound to

adore, but as far as I am able; would that I could adore Thee with all the perfection of which a reasonable creature is capable. In the meantime I purpose now and ever to adore Thee, not only for those Catholics who adore and love Thee not, but also for the conversion of all bad Christians, and of all heretics, schismatics, Mohammedans, Jews, and idolaters. Jesus, my God, mayest Thou be known, adored, loved, and praised every moment, in the most holy and divine Sacrament. Amen.

Holiest Jesus, loving Savior, I give Thee my heart.

Indulgence of 200 days, every time.—Pius VII, January 21, 1815.

O JESUS, who art about to give Thy benediction to me and to all here present, I humbly beseech Thee that it impart to each and all of us the special graces we need. Yet more than this I ask. Let Thy blessing go forth far and wide. Let it be felt in the souls of the afflicted, who cannot come here to receive it at Thy feet. Let the weak and tempted feel its power, wherever they may be. Let poor sinners feel its influence, arousing them to come to Thee. Grant to me, O

Lord, and to all here present, a strong personal love of Thee, a lively horror of sin, a higher esteem of grace, great zeal for Thy honor and glory, for the interest of Thy sacred Heart, for our own sanctification, and for the salvation of souls. Amen.

At the Blessing

MAY Thy blessing come down upon me, O Lord! in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

My God and my all!

Indulgence of 50 days, every time.—Leo XIII, May 4, 1888.

After Benediction

AN ACT OF REPARATION FOR PROFANE LANGUAGE

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and immaculate conception.

Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and mother.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

Indulgence of 2 years for every public recital after Mass or benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.—Leo XIII, February 2, 1897.

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Devotions to the Sacred Heart

Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

MOST sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race,* look down upon us, humbly prostrate before Thy altar. We are Thine and Thine we wish to be;* but to be more surely united with Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates herself to-day to Thy most Sacred Heart.* Many indeed have never known Thee;* many, too, despising Thy precepts have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart. Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee,* but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee;* grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof,* and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one shepherd. Be Thou King also of all those

who sit in the ancient superstition of the Gentiles,* and refuse not Thou to deliver them out of darkness into the light and kingdom of God. Grant O Lord, to Thy Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm;* give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry:* Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to It be honor and glory forever. Amen.

Offering to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

MY LOVING Jesus! I give Thee my heart, and I consecrate myself wholly to Thee, out of the grateful love I bear Thee, and as a reparation for all my unfaithfulness to grace, and with Thy aid I purpose never to sin again.

V. Heart of Jesus, burning with love of us,

R. Inflame our hearts with love of Thee.

Let us pray

LORD, we beseech Thee, Let Thy Holy Spirit kindle in our hearts that fire of charity which our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, sent forth from His inmost Heart upon this earth, and willed

that it should burn with vehemence. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time, and plenary once a month on the usual conditions.—Pius VII, March 20, 1815.

O sweetest Heart of Jesus, I implore,
That I may ever love Thee more and more.

Indulgence of 300 days, each time.—Pius IX, November 26, 1876.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee!

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pius X, November 6, 1906.

Prayer for Those in Their Agony

O MOST merciful Jesus, lover of souls, I pray Thee by the agony of Thy most Sacred Heart and by the sorrows of Thy Immaculate Mother, wash in Thy blood the sinners of the whole world who are now in their agony, and who are to die this day. Amen.

V. Heart of Jesus, once in agony,
R. Have pity on the dying.

Indulgence of 100 days, every time.—Pius IX, February 2, 1850.

Chaplet of the Sacred Heart

V. Incline unto mine aid, O God!
R. O Lord, make haste to help me!

I

MOST loving Jesus! my heart leaps for joy in thinking on Thy loving sacred Heart, all tenderness and sweetness for sinful man; and with trust unbounded it never doubts Thy ready welcome. Ah me, my sins! how many and how great! With Peter and Magdalen, in tears, I bewail and abhor them, because they are an offense to Thee, my sole and chief Good. Grant me, O grant me pardon for them all! O may I die, I beseech Thee by Thy loving Heart, may I die rather than offend Thee, and may I live only to correspond to Thy love!

Our Father, once; Glory be to the Father, five times.

O sweetest Heart of Jesus, I implore,
That I may ever love Thee more and more.

II

MY JESUS! I bless Thy most humble Heart; and I give thanks to Thee, who, in making It my model, not only

dost urge me, with much pressing, to imitate It, but, at the cost of so many humiliations, dost Thyself stoop to point me out the path and smooth for me the way to follow Thee. Mercy, my Jesus, mercy! Away, hateful pride and love of worldly honor! With lowly heart I wish to follow Thee, my Jesus, through humiliations and the cross, and thus to gain peace and salvation. Only be Thou at hand to strengthen me, and I will ever bless Thy sacred Heart.

Our Father, once; Glory be to the Father, five times.

O sweetest Heart, etc.

III

MY JESUS! I marvel at Thy most patient Heart, and I thank Thee for all those wondrous examples of unwearied patience, which Thou didst leave me to guard me on my way. It grieves me that I have still to reproach myself with my extravagant delicacy, shrinking from the slightest pain. O pour, then, into my heart, dear Jesus, eager and enduring love of suffering and of the cross, of mortification and of penance, that, follow-

ing Thee to Calvary, I may with Thee attain the joys of paradise.

Our Father, once; Glory be to the Father, five times.

O sweetest Heart, etc.

IV

DEAR Jesus! at the sight of Thy most gentle Heart, I shudder to see how unlike mine is to Thine, since at a shadow, at a look, at a word of opposition I fret and grieve. O, then, pardon my excesses, and give me grace that, in every contradiction, I may follow the example of Thy unchangeable meekness, and so enjoy an everlasting holy peace.

Our Father, once; Glory be to the Father, five times.

O sweetest Heart, etc.

V

SING praise to Jesus for His most generous Heart, the Conqueror of death and hell; yet never wilt Thou reach Its due with all thy praise. More than ever am I confounded, looking upon my coward heart, which, through human respect, dreads even a passing word.

Courage, my soul! it shall be so with thee no more. My Jesus, I pray Thee for such strength that, fighting and conquering on earth, I may one day rejoice triumphantly with Thee in heaven.

Our Father, once; Glory be to the Father, five times.

O sweetest Heart, etc.

Let us turn to Mary, consecrating ourselves to her more and more, and, trusting in her maternal heart, let us say to her:

By the precious gifts of thy sweetest heart, obtain for me, great Mother of my God, and my mother Mary, a true and lasting devotion to the sacred Heart of Jesus, thy well beloved Son, that, united in every thought and affection with that Heart, I may fulfil all the duties of my state of life with ready heart, serving my Jesus evermore, but especially on this day.

V. Heart of Jesus, burning with love for us;

R. Inflame our hearts with love of Thee.

Let us pray

LORD, we beseech Thee, let Thy Holy Spirit kindle in our hearts that fire of charity which our Lord Jesus Christ,

Thy Son, sent forth from His inmost Heart upon this earth, and willed that it should burn with vehemence. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pius VII, March 20, 1815.

Sweet Heart of Jesus, be my love.

Indulgence of 300 days, once a day.—Leo XIII, May 21, 1892.

May the sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.

Indulgence of 100 days, once a day.—Pius IX, September 23, 1860.

The Holy Name of Jesus

IN THE name of Jesus let every knee bow of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth; and let every tongue confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God, the Father.

O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is Thy name in the whole earth!

V. Let all the earth adore Thee and sing to Thee, O God.

R. Let it sing a psalm unto Thy name, O Lord Jesus.

PRAYER

O GOD, who hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son the Savior of mankind, and hast commanded Him to be called Jesus; mercifully grant that we may enjoy His happy vision in heaven, whose holy name we venerate upon earth. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

From the Roman Missal.

EJACULATIONS

JESUS, Mary, Joseph!

Indulgence of 7 years and 7 quarantines, each time. —Pius X, June 16, 1906.

Jesus, Mary!

Indulgence of 300 days, each time.—Pius X, October 10, 1904.

Jesus!

Indulgence of 25 days, each time.—Clement XIII, September 5, 1759.

My Jesus, mercy!

Indulgence of 100 days each time.—Pius IX, September 24, 1846.

Jesus, my God, I love Thee above all things!

Indulgence of 50 days, each time.—Pius IX, May 7, 1854.

Praised be Jesus Christ. Amen. Or, For evermore.

Each 50 days indulgence, every time.—Clement XIII, September 5, 1759.

My sweetest Jesus, be not my Judge, but my Savior!

Indulgence of 50 days, each time.—Pius IX, August 11, 1851.

Prayer to the Holy Face of Jesus

I SALUTE, adore, and love Thee, O Jesus my Savior, covered anew with outrages by blasphemers, and I offer Thee, through the heart of Thy blessed

Mother, the worship of all the angels and saints, as an incense and a perfume of sweet odor, most humbly beseeching Thee, by virtue of Thy sacred Face, to repair and renew in me and in all men Thy Image disfigured by sin. Amen.

Another Prayer

I SALUTE, adore, and love Thee, O adorable Face of Jesus, my Beloved, noble seal of the Divinity; with all the powers of my soul I apply myself to Thee, and I pray Thee most humbly to imprint in us all the features of Thy divine likeness. Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days, every time.—Pius IX January 27, 1853.

Prayer of St. Ignatius to Our Lord Jesus Christ

O BELOVED Word of God, teach me to be generous, to serve Thee with that perfection which Thy Majesty claims; to give without calculation, to fight without heeding wounds, to labor without repose, to expend myself in Thy service without thought of other reward than that of knowing that I do Thy most holy will. Amen.

Devotions to the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ

Pious Exercise in Honor of the Five Wounds

WHILST I lie prostrate before Thee, Crucified, most loving Savior of my soul, my conscience tells me it was I that nailed Thee to the cross with these hands of mine, as often as I fell into mortal sin, wearying Thee with my monstrous ingratitude. My God, my chief and perfect Good, worthy of all my love, because Thou hast ever loaded me with blessings; my wretched deeds I can not now undo, as fain I would: but I loathe and hate them, grieving from the bottom of my heart that I have offended Thee, goodness infinite. Now, kneeling at Thy feet, I try at least to compassionate Thee, to give Thee thanks, to ask Thee for pardon and for the grace of repentance: wherefore, with heart and lips, I say:

TO THE WOUND IN THE LEFT FOOT

HOLY wound in the left foot of my Jesus, I adore thee. I compassionate Thee, my Jesus, for the bitter pain that Thou didst suffer. I thank Thee for the

love with which Thou didst labor to overtake me on the way to ruin; for me Thou didst bleed, in seeking me amid the thorns and brambles of my sins. I offer to the eternal Father the pain and love of Thy most holy humanity, in atonement for my sins, all of which, with deep and bitter sorrow, I detest.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Holy mother, pierce me through,
In my heart each wound renew
Of my Savior crucified.

TO THE WOUND IN THE RIGHT FOOT

HOLY wound in the right foot of my Jesus, I adore thee. My Jesus, I compassionate Thee for the bitter pain which Thou didst endure. I thank Thee for the love which pierced Thee with such cruel anguish, which made Thee shed Thy blood in punishment for my wanderings, and for the guilty pleasure I have granted to my unbridled passions. I offer to the eternal Father all the pain and love of Thy most holy humanity, and I pray Thee give me grace to weep over my wanderings with hot tears, and to abide in the

good I have begun, never more swerving from my obedience to the divine commands.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Holy mother, etc.

TO THE WOUND IN THE LEFT HAND

HOLY wound in the left hand of my Jesus, I adore thee. My Jesus, I compassionate Thee for the bitter pain Thou didst endure. I thank Thee for having spared me the uplifted rod and the eternal damnation which for my sins I merited. I offer to the eternal Father all the pain and love of Thy most holy humanity, and I pray Thee, teach me to profit by my little span of life, and bring forth in it fruits of penance, and so disarm Thy divine and just anger.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Holy mother, etc.

TO THE WOUND IN THE RIGHT HAND

HOLY wound in the right hand of my Jesus, I adore Thee. My Jesus, I compassionate Thee for the bitter pains Thou didst endure. I thank Thee for

Thy graces lavished on me with so much love, in spite of my wretched waywardness. I offer to the eternal Father all the pain and love of Thy most holy humanity, and I pray Thee, change my heart and its affections, and make me do all my works in accordance with Thy divine good pleasure.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Holy mother, etc.

TO THE WOUND IN THE SACRED SIDE

HOLY wound in the side of my Jesus, I adore Thee. My Jesus, I compassionate Thee in the cruel insults which Thou didst suffer. I thank Thee for the love whereby Thou didst let them cleave Thy breast and heart that so the last drops of blood and water might issue forth, and my redemption overflow. I offer to the eternal Father this outrage, and the love of Thy most holy humanity, that into that most loving Heart, eager and ready to receive the greatest sinners, my poor soul may enter once for all, and never more depart.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Holy mother, etc.

To the Most Holy Virgin, Mother of Sorrows

VIRGIN Mary, Mother of God, martyr of love and sorrow, because of Jesus' pains and woes which thou didst witness: truly didst thou concur in the great work of our redemption, first by thy countless woes, and then by the offering thou didst make to the eternal Father of His and thy only begotten Son, for a holocaust and victim to appease His wrath for my great sins. I thank thee for that boundless love, impelled by which thou didst bereave thyself of the fruit of thy womb, very God and very man, to save me, a sinner. Let thy intercession, which is never in vain, be ever with the Father and the Son, that I may steadily amend my evil ways, and never, by fresh faults, crucify anew my loving Savior; but that, abiding in His grace till death, I may, through the merits of His sad passion and cross, obtain eternal life.

Hail Mary, three times.

Let us pray

O LORD Jesus Christ, who, at the sixth hour of the day, didst, for the redemption of the world, mount the gibbet

of the cross, and shed Thy precious blood for the remission of our sins; we humbly beseech Thee to grant us, that after our death, we may joyfully enter the gates of eternal bliss.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that now, and at the hour of our death, the blessed Virgin Mary, Thy Mother, may intercede with Thy mercy for us, through whose most holy soul the sword did pass in the hour of Thy passion. Through Thee, Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, forever and ever. Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days, once a day.—Pius VII, September 29, 1807.

Prayer

O MY Lord Jesus Christ, who to redeem the world didst vouchsafe to be born amongst men, to be circumcised, to be rejected and persecuted by the Jews, to be betrayed by the traitor Judas with a kiss, and as a lamb, gentle and innocent, to be bound with cords, and dragged in scorn before the tribunals of Annas, Caiphas, Pilate, and Herod; who didst suffer Thyself to be accused by false witnesses; to

be torn by scourges and overwhelmed with opprobrium; to be spit upon, to be crowned with thorns, buffeted, struck with a reed, blindfolded, stripped of Thy garments; to be nailed to the cross and raised on it between two thieves; to be given gall and vinegar to drink, and to be pierced with a lance; do Thou, O Lord, by these Thy most sacred pains, which I, all unworthy, call to mind, and by Thy holy cross and death, save me from the pains of hell, and vouchsafe to bring me whither Thou didst bring the good thief who was crucified with Thee. Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of St. Bonaventure

O HOLY Lord, almighty Father, eternal God! through Thy liberality and that of Thy Son, who for me endured suffering and death, through the surpassing holiness of His Mother, and through the merits of blessed Francis and of all the saints, grant me, a sinner, undeserving of all benefits, that I may love Thee alone and always thirst for Thy love; that I may constantly feel in my heart the benefit of Thy passion;

that I may acknowledge my misery, and desire to be trampled upon and despised by all men, that nothing but sin may sadden my heart. Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days, once a day.—Pius IX, April 11, 1874.

Salutation

WE ADORE Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, here, and in all the churches of the whole world, and praise Thee,

Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.—St. Francis.

The Most Precious Blood

AN OFFERING

ETERNAL Father! we offer Thee the most precious blood of Jesus, shed for us with such great love and bitter pain from the wound in His right hand; and, through its merits and its might, we entreat Thy divine Majesty to grant us Thy holy benediction, that by its power, we may be defended against all our enemies and freed from every ill; whilst we say:

May the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and remain with us forever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Indulgence of 100 days, every time.—Leo XII, October 25, 1823.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the precious blood of Jesus, in satisfaction for my sins, and for the wants of holy Church.

Indulgence of 100 days, every time.—Pius VII, September 22, 1817.

Seven Offerings of the Precious Blood

I

ETERNAL Father! I offer Thee the merits of the precious blood of Jesus, Thy well beloved Son, my Savior and my God, for my dear mother, the holy Church, that she may enlarge her borders and be magnified among all the nations of the earth; for the safety and well-being of her visible head, the sovereign Roman Pontiff; for the cardinals, bishops, and pastors of souls, and for all the ministers of Thy sanctuary.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. Blessing and thanksgiving be to Jesus,

R. Who with His blood hath saved us.

II

ETERNAL Father! I offer Thee the merits of the precious blood of Jesus, Thy well beloved Son, my Savior and my God, for peace and union among all Catholic kings and princes, for the humiliation of the enemies of our holy faith, and for the welfare of all Christian people.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. Blessing and thanksgiving, etc.

III

ETERNAL Father! I offer Thee the merits of the precious blood of Jesus, Thy well beloved Son, my Savior and my God, for the repentance of unbelievers, for the uprooting of heresy, and for the conversion of sinners.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. Blessing and thanksgiving, etc.

IV

ETERNAL Father! I offer Thee the merits of the precious blood of Jesus, Thy well beloved Son, my Savior and my God, for all my kindred, friends, and enemies; for the poor, the sick, and wretched; and for all for whom Thou, my God, knowest that I ought to pray, or wouldst have me pray.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. Blessing and thanksgiving, etc.

V

ETERNAL Father! I offer Thee the merits of the precious blood of Jesus, Thy well beloved Son, my Savior and my God, for all who, this day, are passing to the other life; that Thou wouldst save

them from the pains of hell, and admit them quickly to the possession of Thy glory.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. Blessing and thanksgiving, etc.

VI

ETERNAL Father! I offer Thee the merits of the precious blood of Jesus, Thy well beloved Son, my Savior and my God, for all those who love this great treasure, for those who join with me in adoring and honoring it, and who strive to spread devotion to it.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. Blessing and thanksgiving, etc.

VII

ETERNAL Father! I offer Thee the merits of the precious blood of Jesus, Thy well beloved Son, my Savior and my God, for all my wants, spiritual and temporal, in aid of the holy souls in purgatory, and chiefly for those who most loved this precious blood, the price of our redemption, and who were most devout to the sorrows and pains of most holy Mary, our dear mother.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. Blessing and thanksgiving, etc.

V. Glory be to the blood of Jesus,

R. Now and forever, throughout all ages. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pius VII, September 22, 1817.

EJACULATION IN REPARATION FOR BLASPHEMIES

ETERNAL Father, by the most precious blood of Jesus Christ, glorify His most holy name, according to the intention and the desires of His adorable Heart.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pius X, January 27, 1908.

The Holy Cross

Ps. MAY God have mercy on us and bless us: may He cause the light of His countenance to shine upon us, and may He have mercy on us.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Protect Thy people, O Lord, by the sign of the holy cross from the snares of all enemies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Way of the Cross

PREPARATORY PRAYER

O JESUS, our adorable Savior, behold us prostrate at Thy feet, imploring Thy mercy for ourselves, and for the souls of the faithful departed. Vouchsafe to apply to us the infinite merits of Thy passion, on which we are now about to meditate. Grant, that while we trace this path of sighs and tears, our hearts may be so touched with contrition and repentance, that we may be ready to embrace with joy all the crosses and sufferings and humiliations of this our life and pilgrimage.

The First Station

Represents Jesus Christ Condemned to Death

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee;

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

LEAVING the house of Caiphas, where He had been blasphemed, and the house of Herod, where He had been mocked, Jesus is dragged before Pilate, His back torn with scourges, His head crowned with thorns; and He, who on the last day will judge the living and the dead, is Himself condemned to a disgraceful death.

PRAYER

IT WAS for us that Thou didst suffer, O blessed Jesus, it was for our sins Thou wast condemned to die. Oh, grant that we may detest them from the bottom of our hearts, and by this repentance obtain Thy mercy and pardon.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

V. Jesus Christ, crucified;

R. Have mercy on us.

The Second Station

Represents Jesus Receiving the Cross

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee;

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

A HEAVY cross is laid upon the bruised shoulders of Jesus. He receives it with meekness, nay, with a secret joy, for it is the instrument with which He is to redeem the world.

PRAYER

O JESUS! grant us, by virtue of Thy cross, to embrace with meekness and cheerful submission the difficulties of our state, and to be ever ready to take up our cross and follow Thee.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

V. Jesus Christ, crucified;

R. Have mercy on us.

The Third Station

Represents Jesus Falling the First Time under the Weight of the Cross

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee;

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

BOWED down under the weight of the cross, Jesus slowly sets forth on the way to Calvary, amidst the mockeries and insults of the crowd. His agony in the garden has exhausted His body; He is sore with blows and wounds; His strength fails Him; He falls to the ground under the cross.

PRAYER

O JESUS! who for our sins didst bear the heavy burden of the cross, and fall under its weight, may the thought of Thy sufferings make us watchful over ourselves, and save us from any grievous fall into sin.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

V. Jesus Christ, crucified;

R. Have mercy on us.

The Fourth Station

Represents Jesus Met by His Blessed Mother

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee;

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

STILL burdened with His cross, and wounded yet more by His fall, Jesus proceeds on His way. He is met by His

Mother. What a meeting must that have been! What a sword of anguish must have pierced that Mother's bosom! What must have been the compassion of that Son for His holy Mother!

PRAYER

O JESUS! by the compassion which Thou didst feel for Thy Mother, have compassion on us, and give us a share in her intercession. O Mary, most afflicted Mother! intercede for us, that, through the sufferings of Thy Son, we may be delivered from the wrath to come.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

V. Jesus Christ, crucified;

R. Have mercy on us.

The Fifth Station

Represents the Cross Laid upon Simon of Cyrene

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee;

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou has redeemed the world.

AS THE strength of Jesus fails, and He is unable to proceed, the executioners seize and compel Simon of Cyrene to carry His cross. The virtue

of that cross changed his heart, and from a compulsory task it became a privilege and a joy.

PRAYER

O LORD Jesus! may it be our privilege also to bear Thy cross; may we glory in nothing else; by it may the world be crucified unto us, and we unto the world; may we never shrink from sufferings, but rather rejoice if we may be counted worthy to suffer for Thy name's sake.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

V. Jesus Christ, crucified;

R. Have mercy on us.

The Sixth Station

Represents the Face of Jesus Wiped by Veronica

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee;

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

AS JESUS proceeds on His way, covered with the sweat of death, a woman, moved with compassion, makes her way through the crowd, and wipes His face with a handkerchief. As a reward of her piety, the impression of His

sacred countenance is miraculously imprinted upon the handkerchief.

PRAYER

O JESUS! may the contemplation of Thy sufferings move us with the deepest compassion, make us to hate our sins, and kindle in our hearts more fervent love of Thee. May Thy image be graven on our minds, until we are transformed into Thy likeness.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

V. Jesus Christ, crucified;

R. Have mercy on us.

The Seventh Station

Represents Jesus Falling a Second Time

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee;

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

THE pain of His wounds, and the loss of blood increasing at every step of His way, again His strength fails Him, and Jesus falls to the ground a second time.

PRAYER

O JESUS! falling again under the burden of our sins, and of Thy sufferings for our sins, how often have we grieved Thee

by our repeated falls into sin! Oh, may we rather die than ever offend Thee again.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

V. Jesus Christ, crucified;

R. Have mercy on us.

The Eighth Station

Represents the Women of Jerusalem Mourning for Our Lord

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee;

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

AT THE sight of the suffering of Jesus, some holy women in the crowd were so touched with sympathy, that they openly bewailed and lamented Him. Jesus, knowing the things that were to pass upon Jerusalem because of its rejection of Him, turned to them and said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

PRAYER

O LORD Jesus! we mourn, and will mourn, both for Thee and for ourselves; for Thy sufferings, and for our sins which caused them. Oh, teach us so

to mourn, that we may be comforted. and escape those dreadful judgments prepared for all who reject or neglect Thee in this life.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

V. Jesus Christ, crucified;

R. Have mercy on us.

The Ninth Station

Represents Jesus Falling the Third Time under the Cross

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee;

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

JESUS has now arrived almost at the summit of Calvary; but before he reaches the spot where He is to be crucified, His strength again fails Him, and He falls the third time, to be dragged up and goaded onward by the brutal soldiery.

PRAYER

O LORD Jesus! we entreat Thee, by the merits of this third most painful fall, to pardon our frequent relapses and our long continuance in sin, and may the thought of these Thy sufferings make us hate our sins more and more.

Our Father. Hail Mary.
V. Jesus Christ, crucified;
R. Have mercy on us.

The Tenth Station

Represents Jesus Stripped of His Garments

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee;
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

ARRIVED at last at the place of sacrifice, they prepare to crucify Him. His garments are torn from his bleeding body, and He, the holy of holies, stands exposed to the vulgar gaze of the rude and scoffing multitude.

PRAYER

O LORD Jesus! Thou didst endure this shame for our most shameful deeds. Strip us, we beseech Thee, of all false shame, conceit, and pride, and make us so to humble ourselves voluntarily in this life, that we may escape everlasting ignominy in the world to come.

Our Father. Hail Mary.
V. Jesus Christ, crucified;
R. Have mercy on us.

The Eleventh Station

Represents Jesus Nailed to the Cross

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee;

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

THE cross is laid upon the ground, and Jesus is stretched upon His bed of death. He offers His bruised limbs to His heavenly Father in behalf of sinful men, and to His fierce executioners, to be nailed by them to the disgraceful wood. The blows are struck! The blood gushes forth!

PRAYER

O JESUS! nailed to the cross, fasten our hearts there also, that they may be united to Thee, until death shall strike us with its fatal blow, and with our last breath we shall have yielded our souls to Thee.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

V. Jesus Christ, crucified;

R. Have mercy on us.

The Twelfth Station

Represents Jesus Dying upon the Cross

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee;

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

FOR three hours has Jesus hung upon His transfixed hands; His blood has run in streams down His body and bedewed the ground; and, in the midst of excruciating sufferings, he has pardoned His murderers, promised the bliss of paradise to the good thief, and committed His blessed Mother and beloved disciple to each other's care. All is now consummated; and meekly bowing down His Head, He gives up the ghost.

PRAYER

O JESUS! we devoutly embrace that honored cross where Thou didst love us even unto death. In that death we place all our confidence. Henceforth let us live only for Thee; and in dying for Thee, let us die loving Thee, and in Thy sacred arms.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

V. Jesus Christ, crucified;

R. Have mercy on us.

The Thirteenth Station

Represents Jesus Laid in the Arms of His Sacred Mother

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee;

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

THE multitude has left the heights of Calvary, and none remain save the beloved disciple and the holy women, who, at the foot of the cross, are striving to stem the grief of Christ's inconsolable Mother. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus take down the body of her divine Son from the cross, and deposit It in her arms.

PRAYER

O THOU, whose grief was boundless as an ocean that hath no limits, Mary, Mother of God, give us a share in thy most holy sorrow and in the sufferings of thy Son, and have compassion on our infirmities. Show thyself a Mother unto us; and may He, through thee, receive our prayer who for us vouchsafed to be thy Son.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

V. Jesus Christ, crucified;

R. Have mercy on us.

The Fourteenth Station

Represents Jesus Laid in the Sepulchre

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee;

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

THE body of her dearly beloved Son is taken from His Mother, and laid by the disciples in the tomb. The tomb is closed, and there the lifeless body remains until the hour of Its glorious resurrection.

PRAYER

WE TOO, O God, will descend into the grave whenever it shall please Thee, as it shall please Thee, and wheresoever it shall please Thee. Let Thy just decrees be fulfilled; let our bodies return to their parent dust, but do Thou, in Thy great mercy, receive our immortal souls; and when our bodies have arisen again, place them likewise in Thy kingdom, that we may love and bless Thee forever.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

V. Jesus Christ, crucified;

R. Have mercy on us.

Ant. Christ was made for us obedient unto death:

Even to the death of the cross.

Let us pray

LOOK down, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ did not refuse to be delivered into the hands of wicked men, and to endure the torments of the cross. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God forever and ever.

R. Amen.

Devotions
to the
Most Blessed Virgin

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WE fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of good counsel,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Savior,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honor,
Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,

Pray for us.

Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant.
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of angels,
Queen of patriarchs,
Queen of prophets,
Queen of apostles,
Queen of martyrs,
Queen of confessors,
Queen of virgins,
Queen of all saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,

Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, holy mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

POUR forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross, be brought to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pope Pius VII, September 30, 1817.

Prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori

MOST holy and immaculate Virgin! O my Mother! thou who art the Mother of my Lord, the Queen of the world, the advocate, hope, and refuge of sinners! I, the most wretched among them, now come to thee. I worship thee, great Queen, and give thee thanks for the many favors thou hast bestowed on me in the past; most of all do I thank thee for having saved me from hell, which I had so often deserved. I love thee, Lady most worthy of all love, and by the love which I bear thee, I promise ever in the future to serve thee, and to do what in me lies to win others to thy love.

In thee I put all my trust, all my hope of salvation. Receive me as thy servant, and cover me with the mantle of thy protection, thou who art the Mother of mercy! And since thou hast so much power with God, deliver me from all temptations, or at least obtain for me the grace to overcome them. From thee I ask a true love of Jesus Christ and the grace of a happy death. O my Mother! by thy love for God I beseech thee to be at all times my helper, but above all at the last moment of my life. Leave me not until thou seest me safe in heaven, there for endless ages to bless thee and to sing thy praises. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pius IX, September 7, 1854.

The Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary! that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother! To thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate! despise

not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pius IX, December 11, 1846.

Three Offerings in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

I. HOLIEST Virgin, with all my heart I worship thee above all the angels and saints in paradise as the daughter of the eternal Father, and to thee I consecrate my soul and all its powers. Hail Mary, etc.

II. Holiest Virgin, with all my heart I worship thee above all the angels and saints in paradise as the Mother of the only begotten Son, and to thee I consecrate my body with all its senses. Hail Mary, etc.

III. Holiest Virgin, with all my heart I worship thee above all the angels and saints in paradise as the spouse of the Holy Ghost, and to thee I consecrate my heart and all its affections, praying thee to obtain for me from the ever blessed Trinity all the graces which I need for my salvation. Hail Mary, etc.

Indulgence of 300 days, each time.—Leo XII, October 20, 1823.

Prayer to Mary, Refuge of Sinners, to Obtain a Good Death

O MARY, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Refuge of sinners, Mother of those who are in their agony, abandon us not in the hour of our death, but obtain for us perfect sorrow, sincere contrition, remission of our sins, a worthy reception of the most holy viaticum, the strengthening of the sacrament of Extreme Unction, so that we may stand with security before the throne of the just but merciful Judge, our God and our Redeemer. Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days, once a day.—Pius IX, March 11, 1856.

EJACULATIONS

BLESSED be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Leo XIII, September 10, 1878.

Sweet heart of Mary, be my salvation!

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pius IX, September 30, 1852.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us!

Indulgence of 100 days, every time.—Pius X, July 9, 1904.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

Indulgence of 100 days, once a day.—Leo XIII, March 15, 1884.

Mary!

Indulgence of 25 days, every time.—Clement XIII, September 5, 1759.

The Franciscan Crown

Is a rosary of seven decades in honor of the seven principal joys of our Immaculate Mother. This rosary was introduced into the Franciscan Order in 1422 by a novice, who had been accustomed to crown a statue of Our Lady with roses before he entered the Order. Finding that he could not continue this devout practice in the Order, he was about to leave, when our blessed Mother appeared to him and told him not to leave the Order, since by reciting a rosary of the seven joys every day, he could offer her a more pleasing crown.

Every time a religious of the Franciscan Order recites the Crown, she gains a plenary indulgence.

The seven joyful mysteries are as follows:

First—The Annunciation.

Second—The Visitation.

Third—The Nativity.

Fourth—The Adoration of the Magi.

Fifth—The Finding of Jesus in the Temple.

Sixth—Our Lord's Apparition to His blessed Mother after His Resurrection.

Seventh—The Assumption and Coronation of our Blessed Mother.

Two Aves are then said to make seventy-two.
A Pater and an Ave are said at the end for the Sovereign Pontiff.

To the Sorrowful Mother

GRADUAL

SORROWFUL and sad art thou, O Virgin Mary, standing by the cross of the Lord Jesus, thy Son, our Redeemer.

SEQUENCE

AT THE cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last:
Through her heart, His sorrow sharing,
All His bitter anguish bearing,
Now at length the sword had passed.

Oh, how sad and sore distressed
Was that Mother highly blessed
Of the sole-begotten One!

Is there one who would not weep,
Whelmed in miseries so deep,
Christ's dear Mother to behold?

Can the human heart refrain
From partaking in her pain,
In that Mother's pain untold?

Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,
She beheld her tender Child,
All with bloody scourges rent:
For the sins of His own nation
Saw Him hang in desolation,
Till His spirit forth He sent.

O thou Mother! fount of love,
Touch my spirit from above.
Make my heart with thine accord:
Make me feel as thou hast felt:
Make my soul to glow and melt
With the love of Christ, my Lord.

Holy Mother! pierce me through.
In my heart each wound renew
Of my Savior crucified:
Let me share with thee His pain,
Who for all my sins was slain,
Who for me in torments died.

Let me mingle tears with thee,
Mourning Him who mourned for me,
All the days that I may live.

By the cross with thee to stay,
There with thee to weep and pray,
  Is all I ask of thee to give.

Virgin of all virgins blest!
Listen to my fond request:
  Let me share thy grief divine;
Let me, to my latest breath,
In my body bear the death
  Of that dying Son of thine.

Wounded with His every wound,
Steep my soul till it hath swooned
  In His very blood away;
Be to me, O Virgin, nigh,
Lest in flames I burn and die,
  In His awful judgment day.

Christ, when Thou wilt call me hence,
Be Thy Mother my defense,
  Be Thy cross my victory;
While my body here decays,
May my soul Thy goodness praise,
  Safe in paradise with Thee. Amen.

PRAYER

O GOD, in whose passion, according to the prophecy of Simeon, a sword of sorrow pierced the most sweet soul of the

glorious Mary, Mother and Virgin; grant in Thy mercy, that we who call to mind with veneration her transfixion and suffering, by the glorious merits and prayers of all the saints faithfully standing by the cross interceding for us, may obtain the happy effect of Thy passion. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

Devotions to St. Joseph

Litany of St. Joseph

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
St. Joseph,
Illustrious scion of David,
Light of patriarchs,
Spouse of the Mother of God,
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,
Foster-father of the Son of God,
Diligent protector of Christ,
Head of the Holy Family,
Joseph most just,

Pray for us.

ST. JOSEPH, THE FOSTER-FATHER OF JESUS

Joseph most chaste,
Joseph most prudent,
Joseph most valiant,
Joseph most obedient,
Joseph most faithful,
Mirror of patience,
Lover of poverty,
Model of workmen,
Ornament of domestic life,
Guardian of virgins,
Pillar of families,
Solace of the wretched,
Hope of the sick,
Patron of the dying,
Terror of demons,
Protector of Holy Church,

Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

V. He made him Lord of His household:

R. And prince of all His possessions.

Let us pray

O GOD, who in Thine ineffable Providence wast pleased to choose blessed

Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother: grant, we beseech Thee, that as we venerate him as protector on earth, we may deserve to have him as advocate in heaven: who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, once a day.—Pius X, March 18, 1909.

Help us, Joseph, in our earthly strife,
E'er to lead a pure and blameless life.

Indulgence of 300 days, once a day.—Leo XIII, March 18, 1882.

Prayer

GUARDIAN of virgins and father, holy Joseph, to whose faithful care Christ Jesus, Innocence itself, and Mary, Virgin of virgins, were committed: I pray and beg of thee, by these dear pledges, Jesus and Mary, free me from all uncleanness, and make me with spotless mind, pure heart and chaste body, ever most chastely to serve Jesus and Mary all the days of my life. Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days, once a day.—Pius IX, February 4, 1877.

Prayer to St. Joseph by Pope Leo XIII

TO THEE, O blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our affliction, and, having implored the help of thy thrice holy Spouse, we confidently invoke thy patronage also. By that charity which united thee with the Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God, and by the paternal love with which thou didst embrace the child Jesus, look down, we beseech thee, with gracious eyes on the precious inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His blood, and help us in our necessities by thy power and aid.

Defend, O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen offspring of Jesus Christ; ward off from us, O most loving father, all contagion of error and corruption; aid us from on high, most valiant defender, in this conflict with the powers of darkness. And as once thou didst rescue the child Jesus from the peril of His life, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Finally shield every one of us with thy patronage, that, imitating thy example and strengthened by thy help, we may live a holy life, die

a happy death, and attain to everlasting bliss in heaven. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, once a day.—Leo XIII. September 21, 1889.

Triduum in Honor of St. Joseph

I

MOST glorious St. Joseph, by the high honor which thou hadst to be the spouse of the great Mother of God, and to have over her Son, our Savior, the authority, honor, and providence of a father, obtain for us, we beseech thee, to prize nothing in this world but the grace of Jesus and the protection of Mary so as to become worthy of their company and of thine in heaven. Glory be to the Father, etc.

II

O MOST loving patriarch, by the exalted character which the divine Oracle ascribes to thee by the name "Just Man," obtain for us also to live just with God, seeking only His glory, just with our neighbor, loving all as brothers, and just with ourselves, having ever in view our own sanctification. Glory be to the Father, etc.

III

O MOST happy patriarch, by the unspeakable joy which thou didst experience, when at the close of thy life thou didst breathe forth thy soul in the chaste embrace of Jesus and Mary, obtain a like grace for us that comforted in death by the reception of the blessed Sacrament, our last words may be: Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I commend my soul to you. Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. Pray for us, St. Joseph,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRAYER

REMEMBER, O most pure spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary, my sweet protector St. Joseph! that no one ever had recourse to thy protection or implored thy aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in thy goodness, I come before thee, and humbly supplicate thee. Oh, despise not my petitions, foster-father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, once a day.—Pius IX, June 26, 1863.

The Holy Angels

Antiphon

GOD hath given His angels charge of thee, that they keep thee in all thy ways. Amen.

Ant. O holy angels, our guardians, defend us in the combat, that we perish not in the dreadful judgment.

V. In the sight of Thy angels I will sing to Thee, my God.

R. I will adore at Thy holy temple, and confess to Thy Name.

Prayer

O GOD, who in Thine ineffable providence hast deigned to send Thy holy angels to watch over us: vouchsafe to Thy suppliants in all our days to find safety in their protection, and in eternity to share their happiness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Prayer to the Guardian Angel

O MOST faithful companion, appointed by God to be my guardian, my protector, and defender, who never leavest my side, how can I thank thee for thy faithful love, and for the benefits which thou hast conferred upon me? Thou watchest over me while I sleep; thou comfortest me when I am sad; thou liftest me up when I have fallen; thou avertest the dangers that threaten me; thou warnest me of those that are to come; thou withdrawest me from sin, and reconcilest me to God when I have fallen. Long ago should I have been thrust down into hell, had not thy intercession turned away from me the anger of God. Leave me not, nor forsake me ever, I beseech Thee; but comfort me still in my adversity, restrain me in prosperity, assist me in temptations, lest at any time I fall beneath them. Offer up my prayers and works of piety to the divine Majesty, and help me to persevere in grace until I come to everlasting life. Amen.

St. Michael, Archangel

HYMN.

ANGEL of peace! come, Michael, to our aid;
Thou who didst once chase discord from the sky;
Come, calm those boisterous passions that have made
Such havoc here, as they have made on high.
Drive strife and rancor to their kindred gloom
To hell, their fitting, their eternal tomb.

ANTHEM

ST. MICHAEL, glorious prince, chief and champion of the heavenly host, guardian of the souls of men, conqueror of the rebel angels, steward of the palace of God under Jesus Christ, our worthy leader, endowed with superhuman excellence and virtue: vouchsafe to free us from every ill, who with full confidence have recourse to thee, and by thy incomparable protection enable us to make progress every day in the faithful service of our God.

V. Pray for us, blessed Michael, prince of the Church of Jesus Christ.

R. That we may be made worthy of His promises.

PRAYER

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who in Thine own marvelous goodness and pity didst for the common salvation of man, choose the glorious archangel Michael to be the prince of Thy Church: make us worthy, we pray Thee, to be delivered by his beneficent protection from all our enemies, that at the hour of our death, none of them may approach to harm us; rather do Thou vouchsafe unto us that, by the same archangel Michael, we may be introduced into the presence of the most high and divine Majesty; through the merits of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Gabriel, Archangel

HYMN

SPIRIT of might! O Gabriel, display
Thy matchless power against our ancient foes;

Visit those sacred temples where we pray—
'Twas at thy potent word those temples rose;
Whose worship raised these shrines throughout the earth;
Thou wast the herald of His future birth.

ASPIRATION

BLESS the Lord, all ye His angels, you that are mighty in strength, and fulfil His commandments, hearkening to the voice of His word.

Ps. 102. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and let all that is within me bless His holy name. Glory be to the Father, etc.

PRAYER

O GOD, who in preference to any other of thine angels, didst choose the archangel Gabriel to announce the mystery of Thine Incarnation, mercifully grant, that we who celebrate his festival on earth, may experience his patronage in heaven; who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

St. Raphael, Archangel

HYMN

AND Raphael! of the glorious seven who stand
Before the throne of Him who lives and reigns;
Angel of health! the Lord hath filled thy hand
With balm from heaven, to soothe or cure our pains,
Heal or console the victim of disease,
And guide our steps when doubtful of our ways.

PRAYER

GLORIOUS archangel, St. Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, illustrious by thy gifts of wisdom and grace, guide of travelers by land and sea, consoler of the unfortunate, and refuge of sinners, I entreat Thee to help me in all my needs and in all the trials of this life, as thou didst once assist the young Tobias in his journeying. And since thou art the "Physician of God," I humbly pray thee to heal my soul of its many

infirmities and my body of the ills that afflict it, if this favor is for my greater good. I ask especially for angelic purity, that I may be made fit to be the living temple of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days—Leo XIII, June 21, 1890.

Devotions to Our Holy Father St. Francis

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS ON ENTERING A CHURCH

WE ADORE Thee, O most holy Lord Jesus Christ! here and in all Thy churches which are on earth, and we bless Thee for having redeemed the world by Thy holy cross.

Litany of Our Holy Father St. Francis

For private use.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Immaculate Virgin,
Holy Mary, patroness of the Franciscan Order,
St. Francis, Seraphic,
St. Francis, founder of the Franciscan Orders,
St. Francis, most prudent father,
St. Francis, patriarch of the poor,
St. Francis, despising the world,
St. Francis, mirror of penance,
St. Francis, conqueror of vice,
St. Francis, ardent follower of Christ,
St. Francis, bearing the wounds of Christ,
St. Francis, lover of holy poverty,
St. Francis, master of obedience,
St. Francis, pure mirror of chastity,
St. Francis, model of humility,
St. Francis, abounding in grace,
St. Francis, path of the erring,
St. Francis, comfort of the sick,
St. Francis, pillar of the Church,
St. Francis, defender of the Faith,
St. Francis, champion of Christ,
St. Francis, bulwark of the militant,
St. Francis, invincible shield,
St. Francis, smiting heretics,
St. Francis, converter of infidels,

Pray for us.

St. Francis, support of the weak,
St. Francis, raising the dead,
St. Francis, healing the lepers,
St. Francis, inflamed with seraphic love,
Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world; spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world; graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, holy Father Francis,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

ALMIGHTY God, under whose divine providence our life is swiftly passing, hear the prayers of Thy servants, and vouchsafe that we, who devoutly commemorate Thy confessor, our holy Father Francis, may by his merits be made worthy to behold the glory of Thy only begotten Son, who with Thee liveth and reigneth forever. Amen.

Blessing of the Seraphic Father St. Francis

MAY the Lord keep thee and bless thee; and may He let the light of His

countenance shine upon thee. May the Lord have mercy upon thee and give thee His peace. May the Lord give thee His holy benediction. Amen.

This blessing was given by St. Francis, on a piece of paper, to brother Leo. As soon as the brother took it in his hand, he was relieved from a violent temptation which had severely troubled him for some time. St. Bonaventure speaks of this blessing as being the source of many graces. It is advisable for the faithful to implore through it, the intercession of the great St. Francis.

(From the Manual of St. Anthony.)

Ejaculation of St. Francis

MY GOD and my all!

Indulgence of 50 days, every time.—Leo XIII, May 4, 1888.

The Hymn of Praise of St. Francis

V. HOLY, holy, holy, omnipotent Lord God, who is, and was, and is to come.

R. Let us praise and glorify Him forever.

V. Thou art worthy, O Lord our God, to receive praise, glory, honor, and benediction.

R. Let us praise and glorify Him forever.

V. Blessed be the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

R. Let us praise and glorify Him forever.

V. Praise God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both great and small.

R. Let us praise and glorify Him forever.

V. Praise Him in heaven and on the earth, and in all that is therein.

R. Let us praise and glorify Him forever.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. Let us praise and glorify Him forever.

V. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

R. Let us praise and glorify Him forever.

Let us pray

OMNIPOTENT, holy, high, and mighty God, fountain of all goodness, and who alone art perfect; to Thee we render all praise, glory, honor, and benediction, and to Thee we refer all goodness, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer Written by St. Francis Himself

O MY God and my all, I beseech Thee to let the most sweet and ardent force of Thy love absorb my soul from

every thing beneath the heavens; that I may die to the world for love of Thy love, who for love of my love didst vouchsafe to die on the wood of the cross, O my God and my all.

Prayer of the Church

O LORD Jesus Christ, who hast imprinted on the body of St. Francis the holy stigmata of Thy passion to inflame our hearts in the midst of the indifference of the world, grant that by his merits and intercession we may accept crosses with courage, and obtain worthy fruits of penance. Who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer in Honor of the Sacred Stigmata

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc. (*Five times.*)

V. Thou hast signed, O Lord, Thy servant Francis.

R. With the sign of our Redemption.

Let us pray

O LORD Jesus Christ, who, when the world was growing cold, didst renew the sacred marks of Thy Passion in the flesh of the most blessed Francis, in order

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

to inflame our hearts with the fire of Thy love; mercifully grant, that, by his merits and prayers, we may always carry the cross and bring forth worthy fruits of penance. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

Prayer to Our Holy Father St. Francis

HOLY Father! amiable and most beloved St. Francis, I beseech thee by the holy wounds of our Lord Jesus Christ, which were imprinted on thy holy body, assist me to govern the five senses of my body according to the will and pleasure of Almighty God. Obtain for me contrition and devotion, faith, hope, charity, patience, chastity of mind and body, and the exact observance of thy holy rule in word and deed, together with perseverance in all these things; that, after having finished the course of my life I may enjoy with thee the everlasting bliss of heaven. Amen.

Little Crown in Honor of Our Seraphic Father St. Francis

I

HAIL, Seraphic Father St. Francis, living image of Jesus Christ, chosen by God to be the aid of His Church on earth.

Holy Father St. Francis, pray for us, your children, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen. Glory be to the Father, etc.

II

Hail, Seraphic Father St. Francis, living image of Jesus crucified, and the delight of His Sacred Heart by your perfect spirit of poverty and humility.

Holy Father St. Francis, pray for us your children, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen. Glory be to the Father, etc.

III

Hail, Seraphic Father St. Francis, living image of Jesus crucified, who contributed so greatly to the glory of God by the institution of your three Orders.

Holy Father St. Francis, pray for us, your children, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen. Glory be to the Father, etc.

IV

Hail, Seraphic Father St. Francis, living image of Jesus crucified, who merited to bear in your body the sacred Imprint of His most glorious wounds.

Holy Father St. Francis, pray for us, your children, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen. Glory be to the Father, etc.

V

Hail, Seraphic Father St. Francis, living image of Jesus crucified, whose death was caused by the sweet consuming fire of divine Love.

Holy Father St. Francis, pray for us, your children, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Let us pray

O SERAPHIC Father St. Francis, by the grace which Jesus Christ our Lord Himself granted you, to hear favorably

all requests made in honor of your sacred stigmata, obtain for me, I beseech you, a holy life and a happy death, with the special favor—(here mention your request) which I now implore, through the infinite mercy of the same Lord Jesus Christ, and the intercession of His immaculate Mother Mary. Amen.

Devotions to Various Saints

St. Clare

Ps. MY HEART hath uttered a good word: I say, my works to the King. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Prayer

GRACIOUSLY hear us, O God our Savior, that as we rejoice in the festival of Thy holy virgin, Clare, we may be instructed in the affection of pious devotion. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen. (From the Roman Missal.)

St. Anthony of Padua

Offering

O GLORIOUS St. Anthony, I choose thee this day and all the days of my life for my special patron; deign to place me among thy chosen servants. As the elder and well beloved son of the Seraphic Father, St. Francis, obtain for me the grace to be likewise his true and faithful child. During thy whole life thou wert

distinguished for thy singular love for Mary and thy ardent zeal for her great prerogatives. Pray for me, that I too, may be animated with a genuine love and devotion to our Immaculate Mother. And do thou, whose intimate love for Jesus merited for thee the privilege of beholding and caressing Him in His tender Infant form, plead with Him, that I may be truly one with Jesus in time and in eternity. Amen.

Aspirations to St. Anthony

ST. ANTHONY, we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace that we desire.

St. Anthony, great wonder-worker, intercede for us that God may grant us our request, if it be for the good of our soul.

St. Anthony, be our patron, our protector, and our advocate in life and death.

St. Anthony, attentive to those who invoke thee, grant us the aid of thy powerful intercession for the grace of holy purity, of meekness, humility, obedience, the spirit of poverty, and perfect abandonment to the will of God.

St. Anthony, glory of the Church and hammer of heretics, pray for our Holy

Father, our bishops, our priests, our religious Orders, that, through their pious zeal and apostolic labors, infidels, heretics, and all those outside the true Church may be converted and united in faith, and give greater glory to God.

St. Anthony, servant of Mary, obtain for us greater devotion to the blessed Mother of God.

St. Anthony, obtain for us the grace of perseverance, the grace of a happy death.

St. Roch

Ps. IT IS good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Thy name, O Most High. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Let us pray

GUARD us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with continuous affection, and by the suffrage of blessed Roch, preserve us from every contagion of soul and body. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

V. Pray for us, St. Roch,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Prayer to St. Barbara, Virgin, for a Happy Death

O GOD, who didst choose St. Barbara to bring consolation to the living and the dying; grant that through her intercession we may live always in Thy divine love, and place all our hopes in the merits of the sorrowful passion of Thy Son, so that a sinner's death may never overtake us, but that, armed with the sacraments of Penance, the Holy Eucharist, and Extreme Unction, we may be able to pass without fear to everlasting glory. We implore this of Thee through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Various Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

OUR Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Hail Mary

HAIL, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Angelus

V. THE Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary, etc.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH,

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

POUR forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by th message of an angel, may, by His passion and cross, be brought to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Regina Coeli

V. REJOICE, O Queen of heaven! Alleluia.

R. For He whom thou didst deserve to bear, Alleluia.

V. Is risen as He said, Alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary! Alleluia.

R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray

O GOD, who by the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to gladden the world, grant that by the intercession of His Virgin Mother we may receive the joys of eternal life; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Credo

I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of

sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Confiteor

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints, and to you, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, all the saints, and you, Father, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

De Profundis—Out of the Depths

OUT of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities; Lord, who shall stand it?

For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on His word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy; and with Him plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

V. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord;

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Prayer before Meetings

PROMPT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy holy inspirations and further them with Thy continual help, that every prayer and work of ours may always begin from Thee, and through Thee be happily ended. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer before Recreation

"O LORD! set a watch before my mouth, and a door round about my lips," so that I may be prudent and charitable in conversation, and edifying in my de-

meanor. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Consecration of Studies to the Immaculate Virgin Mary

DEAREST Mother, invoking the mystery of thy Immaculate Conception, I desire to place under thy patronage my studies and all my literary labors. I declare that I undertake them solely that I may the better promote thy honor and devotion to thee. Therefore, most loving Mother, seat of wisdom, look favorably, I beseech thee, upon my works; and, as it is but just, I promise willingly and dutifully to refer to thy intercession with God, whatever good I may derive therefrom. Amen.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas before Study, which He Recited Daily before the Image of Jesus Crucified

GRANT me grace, O merciful God, to desire ardently all that is pleasing to Thee, to examine it prudently, to acknowledge it truthfully, and to accomplish it perfectly, for the praise and glory of Thy name. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, when recited before study or reading.—Leo XIII, June 21, 1879.

Prayer of Teachers

THOU, O Lord, art my strength and my patience, my light and my counsel; Thou confidest to me the children whom I am appointed to instruct. O leave me not to myself, but give me for their guidance and my own sanctification, the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, of counsel and of fortitude, of knowledge and of piety, and above all the spirit of Thy holy fear, and an ardent zeal for Thy greater glory. I unite my labors to those of my Redeemer, and I beseech the Immaculate Heart of Mary the refuge of sinners, and all the holy angels and saints to assist me this day in the performance of all my duties. Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph for Those Devoted to Labor

O GLORIOUS St. Joseph, model of those devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my inclinations; to work with gratitude and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God; to work with

order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work above all, with purity of intention, and with detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O patriarch Joseph; such shall be my watchword in life and in death. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, once a day.—Pius X, November 25, 1906.

Litany of the Saints

REMEMBER not, O Lord, our offenses, nor those of our fathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
St. Michael,
St. Gabriel,
St. Raphael,
All ye holy angels and archangels,
All ye holy orders of blessed spirits,
St. John Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All ye holy patriarchs and prophets,
St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. Andrew,
St. James,
St. John,
St. Thomas,
St. James,
St. Philip,
St. Bartholomew,
St. Matthew,
St. Simon,
St. Thaddeus,
St. Matthias,
St. Barnabas,

Pray for us.

St. Luke,
St. Mark,
All ye holy apostles and evangelists,
All ye holy disciples of our Lord,
All ye holy Innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Lawrence,
St. Vincent,
SS. Fabian and Sebastian,
SS. John and Paul,
SS. Cosmas and Damian,
SS. Gervase and Protase,
All ye holy martyrs,
St. Sylvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Ambrose,
St. Augustine,
St. Jerome,
St. Martin,
St. Nicholas,
All ye holy bishops and confessors,
All ye holy doctors,
St. Anthony,
St. Benedict,
St. Bernard,
St. Dominic,
St. Francis,
All ye holy priests and levites,

Pray for us.

All ye holy monks and hermits,
St. Mary Magdalen,
St. Agatha,
St. Lucy,
St. Agnes,
St. Cecelia,
St. Catharine,
St. Anastasia,
All ye holy virgins and widows,
Pray for us.

All ye holy men and women, saints of God, make intercession for us.

Be merciful, spare us, O Lord.

Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Lord,

From all evil,
From all sin,
From Thy wrath,
From sudden and unprovided death,
From the snares of the devil,
From anger, and hatred, and all ill will,
From the spirit of fornication,
From lightning and tempest,
From the scourge of earthquakes,
From plague, famine, and war,
From everlasting death,
Through the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation,
Through Thy coming,
Deliver us, O Lord.

Through Thy nativity,
Through Thy baptism and holy fasting,
Through Thy cross and passion,
Through Thy death and burial,
Through Thy holy resurrection,
Through Thine admirable ascension,
Through the coming of the Holy Ghost the Paraclete,
In the day of judgment,
We sinners, beseech Thee, hear us.

Deliver us, O Lord.

That Thou wouldst spare us,
That Thou wouldst pardon us,
That Thou wouldst bring us to true penance,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and preserve Thy holy Church,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve our apostolic prelate, and all Orders of the Church in holy religion,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to humble the enemies of holy Church,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people,

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to confirm and preserve us in Thy holy service,

That Thou wouldst lift up our minds to heavenly desires,

That Thou wouldst render eternal blessings to all our benefactors,

That Thou wouldst deliver our souls, and the souls of our brethren, relations, and benefactors from eternal damnation,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to hear us,

Son of God,

We beseech Thee, hear us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Our Father (*silently*).
V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil.

O GOD, come to my assistance: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed: that seek my soul.

Let them be turned backward, and blush for shame, that desire evils unto me.

Let them be presently turned away blushing for shame, that say unto me; 'Tis well, 'tis well.

Let all that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee; and let such as love Thy salvation say always, The Lord be magnified.

But I am needy and poor: O God, help Thou me.

Thou art my helper and my deliverer: O Lord, make no long delay.

Glory be, etc.

V. Save Thy servants.

R. Who hope in Thee, O my God.

V. Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of strength.

R. From the face of the enemy.

V. Let not the enemy prevail against us.

R. Nor the son of iniquity have any power to hurt us.

V. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.

R. Neither requite us according to our iniquities.

V. Let us pray for our Sovereign Pontiff, N.

R. The Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth; and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

V. Let us pray for our benefactors.

R. Vouchsafe, O Lord, for Thy name's sake, to reward with eternal life all those who do us good. Amen.

V. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

R. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. For our absent brethren.

R. Save Thy servants, who hope in Thee, O my God.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from the sanctuary.

R. And defend them out of Sion.
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray

O GOD, whose property is always to have mercy and to spare, receive our humble petition; that we, and all Thy servants who are bound by the chains of sin, may by the compassion of Thy goodness, mercifully be absolved.

Graciously hear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayers of Thy suppliants, and forgive the sins of them that confess to Thee; that, in Thy bounty, Thou mayest grant us both pardon and peace.

Show forth upon us, O Lord, in Thy mercy, Thy unspeakable loving-kindness that Thou mayest both loose us from all our sins, and deliver us from the punishments which we deserve for them.

O God, who by sin art offended, and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of Thy people making supplication to Thee, and turn away the scourges of Thine anger, which we deserve for our sins.

Almighty, everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, N., our Sovereign

Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy clemency, into the way of everlasting salvation; that by Thy grace he may both desire those things that are pleasing to Thee, and perform them with all his strength.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all right counsels, and all just works do come, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts being devoted to the keeping of Thy commandments and the fear of enemies being taken away, the times may, by Thy protection, be peaceful.

Inflame, O Lord, our reins and heart with the fire of the Holy Ghost; that we may serve Thee with a chaste body, and please Thee with a clean heart.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; that through pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired.

Anticipate, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy inspirations, and further them with Thy continual help; that every prayer and work of ours may

always begin from Thee, and through Thee be likewise ended.

Almighty, everlasting God, who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to all whom Thou foreknowest will be Thine by faith and works: we humbly beseech Thee that they for whom we intend to pour forth our prayers, whether this present world still detain them in the flesh, or the world to come hath already received them stripped of their mortal bodies, may, by the grace of Thy loving-kindness, and by the intercession of all the saints, obtain the remission of all their sins. Through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. May the almighty and merciful Lord graciously hear us.

R. Amen.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

HOLY GOD, we praise Thy name!
Lord of all, we bow before Thee;
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee!
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising.
Cherubim and Seraphim
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Lo! the apostolic train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow.
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow:
And from morn till set of sun,
Through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee
While in essence only One,
Undivided God, we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

Thou art King of glory, Christ!
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
And to death a tributary;
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast open'd heaven to Faith.

From Thy high celestial home,
Judge of all, again returning,
We believe that Thou shalt come,
On the dreadful doomsday morning;
When Thy voice shall shake the earth,
And the startled dead come forth.

Spare Thy people, Lord, we pray,
By a thousand snares surrounded;
Keep us without sin to-day,
Never let us be confounded;
Lo! I put my trust in Thee,
Never, Lord, abandon me.

Novenas

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Novena, November 29.—Feast, December 8.

COME, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created;

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray

O GOD, who hast taught the hearts of Thy faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us, in the same spirit, to relish what is right, and evermore to rejoice in His consolations; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREPARATORY PRAYER

VIRGIN most pure, conceived without sin, from the first moment of thy conception fair and stainless; glorious

Mary, full of grace; Mother of my God! Queen of angels and of men! I humbly venerate Thee as the Mother of my Savior, who, though He was God, taught me by His own veneration, reverence, and obedience to thee, the honor and homage that I owe thee. Vouchsafe, I pray, thee to accept the novena which I dedicate to thee. Thou art the safe refuge of the penitent sinner: fit, then, it is that I should have recourse to thee. Thou art the Mother of mercy: will not then my miseries, so manifold, move thee to compassion? Mary, my sole hope after Jesus, thou canst not but accept the loving trust which I have in thee: make me worthy to be called thy son, that with confidence I may cry to thee: *Show Thyself a Mother.*

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST DAY—NOVEMBER 29

LO, AT thy sacred feet I bow, Virgin Immaculate, the while my heart overflows with joy in union with thine own, because from eternity thou wast the Mother elect of the eternal Word, and wast preserved stainless from the taint of Adam's sin. Forever praised, forever

blessed be the most Holy Trinity, who in thy conception poured out upon thy soul the riches of that matchless privilege. I humbly pray thee, gracious Mother, obtain for me the grace to be triumphant over my birth-sin's bitter fruits. Ah yes! make me victorious over them, that I may never cease to love my God.

V. All fair art thou, O Mary!

R. All fair art thou, O Mary!

V. The original stain is not in thee.

R. The original stain is not in thee.

V. Thou art the glory of Jerusalem.

R. Thou art the joy of Israel.

V. Thou art the honor of our people.

R. Thou art the advocate of sinners.

V. O Mary!

R. O Mary!

V. Virgin most prudent.

R. Mother most tender.

V. Pray for us.

R. Intercede for us with our Lord Jesus Christ.

V. In thy conception, Virgin, thou wast immaculate.

R. Pray for us to the Father, whose Son was born of thee.

Let us pray

GOD, who through the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin didst prepare a worthy dwelling-place for Thy divine Son; grant that, as by the anticipation of the death of that Son, Thou didst preserve her from all taint, so Thou wouldst vouchsafe unto us that, cleansed from all sin by her intercession, we too may arrive at Thy eternal glory.

O God! the pastor and ruler of all the faithful, graciously look upon Thy servant, N., whom Thou hast set over Thy holy Church: grant him, we beseech Thee, by his word and example, so to direct those over whom Thou hast placed him, that, together with the flock Thou hast entrusted to his care, he may attain eternal life.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the source of all piety, hearken to the pious prayers of Thy Church, and grant that what we ask in faith, we may in deed obtain; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The same order is to be observed on all other days of the novena, the prayers for the day alone being changed.

SECOND DAY—NOVEMBER 30

MARY, unsullied lily of heavenly purity, I rejoice with thee, because from thy conception's earliest dawn thou wast full of grace, and endowed with the perfect use of reason. I thank and adore the ever blessed Trinity, who gave thee those high gifts. Lo, at thy feet I bow, overwhelmed with shame, to see myself so poor in grace. O thou, who wast filled with heavenly grace, from that same fount of grace shed some few drops upon my soul, and make me share the treasures of thy Immaculate Conception.

THIRD DAY—DECEMBER 1

MARY, thou mystic rose of purity, my heart rejoices with thine own, for the glorious triumph which thou didst gain over the infernal serpent by thy Immaculate Conception, and because thou wast conceived without stain of original sin. I thank and praise with my whole heart the ever blessed Trinity, who granted thee this glorious privilege; and I pray thee, gracious Lady, obtain for me strength to overcome all the wiles of the infernal foe, and never to stain my soul with sin.

Mother, be thou mine, and standing beneath thy shelter, make me victorious over the common foe of our eternal welfare.

FOURTH DAY—DECEMBER 2

MIRROR of holy purity, Mary, Virgin Immaculate, great is my joy while I consider that, from thy Immaculate Conception, the most sublime and perfect virtues were infused into thy soul, and with them all the gifts of the Holy Ghost. I thank and praise the most holy Trinity, who bestowed on thee these high privileges. I pray thee, gentle Mother, obtain for me grace to practice virtue, and so make me worthy to become partaker of the gifts and graces of the Holy Ghost.

FIFTH DAY—DECEMBER 3

MARY, bright moon of purity, I rejoice with thee, because the mystery of thy Immaculate Conception was the beginning of salvation for the race of man, and the joy of the benighted world. I thank and bless the ever blessed Trinity, who thus did magnify and glorify thee; and I beg of thee to obtain for me the grace so to profit by thy dear Son's death and passion, that His precious blood may

not have been shed in vain for me upon the cross, but that, after a holy life, I may reach heaven in safety.

SIXTH DAY—DECEMBER 4

MARY Immaculate, most brilliant star of purity, I rejoice with thee because thy Immaculate Conception has bestowed upon the angels in paradise the greatest joy. I thank and bless the ever blessed Trinity for enriching thee with this high privilege. O let me, too, one day enter into this heavenly joy, in the company of angels, that I may praise and bless thee world without end.

SEVENTH DAY—DECEMBER 5

MARY Immaculate, rising morn of purity, with thee I rejoice, gazing in wonder upon thy soul confirmed in grace from the very first moment of thy conception, and rendered inaccessible to sin. I thank and magnify the ever blessed Trinity, who chose thee from all our race for this special privilege. Holiest Virgin, let thy mighty prayers work in my soul such utter hatred of all sin, as of our ills the worst, that I may rather die than ever again commit a mortal sin.

EIGHTH DAY—DECEMBER 6

O SPOTLESS sun! O Virgin Mary! I congratulate thee. I rejoice with thee, because in thy conception God gave thee grace greater and more boundless than He ever shed on all His angels and His saints together when all their merits culminated highest. I am thankful, and marvel at the vast beneficence of the ever blessed Trinity, who with open hand dispensed to thee alone this privilege. O make me too correspond with the grace of God, nor ever spurn it from me. Mother, change this heart of mine; make me in good earnest now begin to amend my life.

NINTH DAY—DECEMBER 7

O LIVING light of holiness, model of purity, Mary Immaculate, Virgin and Mother! as soon as thou wast conceived thou didst adore thy God, giving Him thanks that in thee the ancient curse was revoked, and blessings came again upon the sinful sons of Adam. O make this blessing kindle in my heart love for God; and do thou fan this flame of love within me, that I may love Him constantly, and then in heaven eternally enjoy Him,

there to thank and praise Him more fervently for all the wondrous privileges conferred on thee, and to rejoice with thee for thy high crown of glory.

Novena for Christmas

Novena, December 16.—Feast, December 25.

V. THIS day you shall know that the Lord will come and save us:

R. And in the morning you shall see His glory.

V. The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof;

R. The world, and all they that dwell therein.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST DAY—DECEMBER 16

GOD and Savior of our souls, who wast born among us mortals to renew all the world by Thy merciful coming, grant us in these holy days to devote ourselves to second Thy loving designs, renewing ourselves perfectly by Thy holy example.

V. The Word was made flesh:
R. And dwelt among us.
V. Christ hath manifested Himself to us.
R. Come, let us adore.

Let us pray

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that as we anticipate the adorable Nativity of Thy Son, so we may joyfully receive His eternal benefits; who liveth and reigneth with Thee in unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Prayer to the Infant Jesus

COME to me, O divine Savior, deign to take birth in my heart. Grant that, instructed by Thy example and aided by Thy grace, I may be poor in spirit, humble in heart, like a stranger on the earth, mortified and obedient as Thou wast in Thy manger. Thou didst become a child, O divine Jesus, that I might become a perfect man. Thou didst suffer Thyself to be wrapped in winding-clothes to free my soul from all the bonds of sin. Thou hast chosen to be in a stable, in order to admit me to Thy altar on earth and to Thy glory in eternity. In a word,

Thou didst become weak to make me strong, poor to enrich me, humble to exalt me, subject to all sufferings in order to free me from all evils and procure me all blessings. Grant, O Lord, that such graces become not, by my failure to correspond, so many grounds of condemnation; but that profiting faithfully by them, I may secure for myself the possession of that glory which was the only scope not only of Thy Incarnation, but also of Thy passion and death. Amen.

SECOND DAY—DECEMBER 17

MERCIFUL Redeemer, who, though able to come into the world of mature age, didst choose to condemn Thyself to be enclosed for nine months like an ordinary child in the virginal womb of Mary, all solitary, hidden, and silent; Thou who art the Word and the Wisdom of the Father; grant us, herein to learn to love retirement and silence, to escape the great evils which abound in the tumult and dissipation of the world.

THIRD DAY—DECEMBER 18

INFANT God, who, while enclosed in Mary, didst not remain idle, but

from the first instant didst sigh, groan, pray, and offer Thyself entirely to Thy eternal Father for the salvation of our souls, deign to give us ever a keen sense of the importance of our salvation, that we may work it out in constant fear and trembling, and make it sure by means of virtuous and holy works.

FOURTH DAY—DECEMBER 19

MOST sweet Jesus, who in Mary's bosom didst go to Bethlehem in obedience to the commands of Cæsar, who had ordered the enrolment of all his subjects, grant us to obey promptly every command of those who hold Thy stead, however arduous it may be.

FIFTH DAY—DECEMBER 20

MOST amiable Jesus, who wast refused by all at Bethlehem, where all should have contended to receive Thee, grant us by Thy example to suffer with patience every refusal and contempt, and to welcome Thee cheerfully in our hearts, when by Thy holy inspirations and by Thy divine sacraments Thou seekest to enter us.

SIXTH DAY—DECEMBER 21

SEEING Thyself excluded from Bethlehem, O divine Infant, Thou didst inspire Thy holy Mother to retire to a ruined and ill-protected cabin. In this vile and obscure shed didst Thou will to be born, O great Monarch of heaven, and God of boundless greatness and mercy, to confound our pride and teach us humility, which we need so greatly. Ah, grant that we may conform ourselves to Thy desires, by renouncing hereafter all pomp and pride, and by being truly humble in mind, in heart, and in action.

SEVENTH DAY—DECEMBER 22

THOU wast sovereignly rich and blessed, O divine Word, because Thou art the Lord of lords, the Creator and Master of all things; but through love for us Thou art pleased to become so poor as to be born by the wayside and beneath the poorest shed, and to be wrapped in poor clothes and laid in a mean manger between two animals, and to suffer a thousand inconveniences. Grant us, O divine Master, to renounce worldly riches and delights, to embrace the poverty of

spirit and the mortification of the flesh bones cessary to salvation.

EIGHTH DAY—DECEMBER 23

ALTHOUGH, my divine Savior, Master of all seasons and moments, Thou couldst be born at any time, yet as Prince of Peace, already announced by the holy prophets, Thou didst wish to be born when in the reign of Augustus all the world was at peace. Ah, deign, O King of peace, to pacify all our interior powers, subjecting them to Thee, that so on the approaching most blessed solemnity Thou mayest also be born in our hearts.

NINTH DAY—DECEMBER 24

WHEN the glorious day of eternal felicity, so sighed for by the patriarchs and prophets, had come, Thou wast born into the world amid the darkness of night, O Author and King of ages and true Son of God and Mary. Blessed be Thou by all ages and for all ages, that Thy grace has appeared in the world to form of us a dear and holy people. Grant that, denying all impiety and all worldly desires, we may live soberly toward ourselves, justly toward our neighbor, and

piously toward Thee, O my Jesus, in the expectation of Thy glory, that so we may be ever blessed with Thee in the endless years of eternity.

Novena for the Twenty-fifth Day of Every Month

I

OFFERING.—Eternal Father, I offer to Thy honor and glory, and for my own salvation, and for the salvation of the whole world, the mystery of the birth of our divine Savior. Glory be to the Father, etc.

II

OFFERING.—Eternal Father, I offer to Thy honor and glory, and for my eternal salvation, the sufferings of the most holy Virgin and of St. Joseph in that long and weary journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. I offer Thee the sorrows of their hearts when they found no place wherein to shelter themselves when the Savior of the world was to be born. Glory be to the Father, etc.

III

OFFERING.—Eternal Father, I offer to Thy honor and glory, and for my eternal salvation, the sufferings of Jesus in the stable where He was born, the cold He suffered, the swaddling-clothes which bound Him, the tears He shed, and His tender Infant cries.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

IV

OFFERING.—Eternal Father, I offer to Thy honor and glory, and for my eternal salvation, the pain which the holy Child Jesus felt in His tender body when He submitted to circumcision. I offer Thee that precious blood which then, for the first time, He shed for the salvation of the whole human race. Glory be to the Father, etc.

V

OFFERING.—Eternal Father, I offer to Thy honor and glory, and for my eternal salvation, the humility, mortification, patience, charity, all the virtues of the Child Jesus; and I thank Thee, and I love Thee, and I bless Thee without end,

for the ineffable mystery of the Incarnation of the divine Word. Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. The Word was made flesh;

R. And dwelt among us.

Let us pray

O GOD, whose only-begotten Son was made manifest to us in the substance of our flesh; grant, we beseech Thee, that through Him, whom we acknowledge to be like unto ourselves, our souls may be inwardly renewed. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee forever and ever. Amen.

Novena for the Purification

Novena, January 24.—Feast, February 2.

Ps. V. GREAT is the Lord, and exceedingly to be praised:

R. In the city of our God, in His holy mountain.

V. Glory be to the Father, etc.

R. As it was in the beginning, etc.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST DAY—JANUARY 24

BRIGHT mirror of all virtues, holiest Mary, the forty days were hardly run from thy delivery, when thou, though

the purest of all virgins, didst will to be presented in the temple to be purified; grant that we, like thee, may keep our hearts unstained by sin, that so, we too may be made worthy to be presented to our God in the temple of His glory.

Hail Mary, etc., three times.

V. Simeon received answer from the Holy Spirit:

R. That he should not see death until he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

Let us pray

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, we humbly pray Thy Majesty, that as Thine only begotten Son was presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, so Thou wouldst enable us to present ourselves before Thee with clean hearts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECOND DAY—JANUARY 25

VIRGIN most obedient, at thy presentation in the temple thou didst will, like other women, to offer the wonted sacrifice; obtain for us that we too, following thy example, may learn to offer ourselves a living sacrifice to God, by practicing every virtue.

THIRD DAY—JANUARY 26

VIRGIN most pure, in observing the precept of the law, thou didst despise the reproach of men; ask for us grace to keep our hearts forever pure, however blamable the world may think us.

FOURTH DAY—JANUARY 27

VIRGIN most holy, in offering thy Son, the Word divine, to His eternal Father, thou didst gladden all the courts of heaven; present our poor hearts to God, that His sustaining grace may keep them ever free from mortal sin.

FIFTH DAY—JANUARY 28

VIRGIN most humble, in placing Jesus in the arms of the holy old man Simeon, thou didst fill his soul with heavenly joy; consign our hearts into God's holy keeping, that He may fill them with His holy spirit.

SIXTH DAY—JANUARY 29

VIRGIN most zealous, by redeeming Thy Son Jesus, according to the law, thou didst co-operate in the salvation of the world; ransom now our poor hearts from the slavery of sin that so they may be ever pure before the face of God.

SEVENTH DAY—JANUARY 30

VIRGIN most meek, on hearing the prophecy of Simeon, foretelling thy woes, thou didst humbly bow to the good pleasure of God; enable us also to bear our troubles with patience and resignation to His divine will.

EIGHTH DAY—JANUARY 31

VIRGIN most compassionate, when through thy divine Son thou didst fill the soul of Anna, the prophetess, with light, thou didst make her magnify the mercies of God by recognizing Jesus as the Redeemer of the world; enrich our souls with heavenly grace, that we may largely share the fruit of the divine redemption.

NINTH DAY—FEBRUARY 1

VIRGIN most resigned, who didst feel thy soul transfixed with sorrow when in spirit thou didst foresee all the bitter passion of thy Son, and, knowing the grief of Joseph thy spouse, for all thy sufferings, didst with holy words console him; pierce through and through our souls with true sorrow for our sins, that we may one day have the consolation to be made partakers of thy glory in heaven.

Novena for the Feast of the Annunciation

Novena, March 16.—Feast, March 25.

COME, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created;

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray

O GOD, who hast taught the hearts of Thy faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us, in the same spirit, to relish what is right and evermore to rejoice in His consolations; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST DAY—MARCH 16

WITH wonder I revere thee, holiest Virgin Mary, for of all God's creatures thou wast humblest on the very day of thy Annunciation, when God himself exalted thee to the sublimest dignity of His own Mother. O mightiest Virgin, make me, wretched sinner that I am, know the depths of my own nothing-

ness, and at once, with all my heart, humble myself beneath the feet of all men. Hail Mary, three times.

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary;

R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Let us pray

O GOD, who by the message of an angel didst will that Thy divine Word should take flesh of the blessed Virgin Mary, grant unto us Thy suppliants, that we, who believe her to be verily the Mother of God, may be helped by her intercession with Thee; through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SECOND DAY—MARCH 17

WHEN, Mary, holiest Virgin, Gabriel the archangel hailed thee in the Annunciation, thou wast raised by God above all angel choirs; yet, didst thou then confess thyself the handmaid of the Lord: O Mary, obtain for me true humility and angelic purity, that I may so live on earth as ever to be worthy of the blessings of my God.

THIRD DAY—MARCH 18

WITH thee I rejoice, O Virgin ever blest, because by thy sole fiat,

uttered by thee so lowly, thou didst draw from the bosom of the eternal Father the divine Word into thine own pure bosom. O draw, then, ever my heart to God; and with God draw grace into my heart, that I may ever bless thy fiat, and with devotion cry: O mighty fiat! O fiat efficacious! O fiat to be venerated above all fiats!—(*St. Thomas of Villanova.*)

FOURTH DAY—MARCH 19

MARY, mighty Virgin! thou on thy Annunciation wast found by Gabriel the archangel on thy watch, quick to do God's will, and to correspond with the desires of the august Trinity for man's redemption, giving thy consent in order to redeem the world. Let me whatever happens—good or ill—turn ever to my God, and with resignation say, be it done unto me according to Thy word.

FIFTH DAY—MARCH 20

I SEE that thy obedience, holiest Mary, wrought so close a bond between thy God and thee, that all creation never again shall know a union so fair and perfect. "She could not have been more united to God, except by being God herself."—

(B. Albertus Magnus.) My soul within me faints to see how sin hath severed me from God. Help me, then, gentle Mother, with true heart to do fit penance for my sins, that thy own loving Jesus may yet once more live in me and I in Him.

SIXTH DAY—MARCH 31

BEHOLDING, holiest Mary, how, by reason of thy modesty, thou wast troubled when Gabriel the archangel stood before thee in thy house, I also, when I come before thee, am troubled for my monstrous pride; wherefore, do thou in thy incomparable humility, "which brought forth God for men, re-opened paradise, and let the captive souls go free from hell beneath," draw me, I pray thee, out of the deep, wherein my sins have cast me, enabling me to save my soul.

SEVENTH DAY—MARCH 22

THOUGH my tongue is unhallowed, yet, purest Virgin, I am bold to hail thee each hour of the day: "Hail, hail Mary! full of grace." From my heart I pray thee, replenish my soul some little with that mighty grace wherewith the

Holy Spirit overshadowed thee and filled thee to the full.

EIGHTH DAY—MARCH 23

I BELIEVE, holiest Mary, that that mighty God who was ever with thee from thy conception, is, by His Incarnation in thy purest womb, made still more closely one with thee. Make it thy care, I pray thee, that I may be with that same dear Lord Jesus ever one heart and soul by means of sanctifying grace.

NINTH DAY—MARCH 24

O HOLIEST Mary, shed over my heart and soul all heavenly benedictions, as thou thyself wast ever blessed of God among all women; for I have this sure hope, that if, dear Mother, thou shalt bless me while I live, then, when I die, I shall be blessed of God in the everlasting glory of heaven.

Novena for the Feast of the Seven Dolors

V. INCLINE unto my aid, O God!
R. O Lord! make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

I. I compassionate thee, sorrowing Mary, in the grief thy tender heart underwent when the holy old man Simeon prophesied to thee. Dear Mother, by thy heart then so afflicted, obtain for me the virtue of humility and the gift of the holy fear of God. Hail Mary, etc.

II. I compassionate thee, sorrowing Mary, for the anxiety which thy most tender heart underwent during thy flight into Egypt and thy sojourn there. Dear Mother, by thy heart then so sorrowful, obtain for me the virtue of liberality, especially toward the poor, and the gift of piety. Hail Mary, etc.

III. I compassionate thee, sorrowing Mary, for the terrors felt by thy anxious heart when thou didst lose thy dear Son, Jesus. Dear Mother, by thy heart then so agitated, obtain for me the virtue of chastity, and with it the gift of knowledge. Hail Mary, etc.

IV. I compassionate thee, sorrowing

Mary, for the shock thy Mother's heart experienced when Jesus met thee as He carried His cross. Dear Mother, by that heart of thine, then so afflicted, obtain for me the virtue of patience and the gift of fortitude. Hail Mary, etc.

V. I compassionate thee, sorrowing Mary, for the martyrdom thy generous heart bore so nobly whilst thou didst stand by Jesus agonizing. Dear Mother, by thy heart then so cruelly martyred, obtain for me the virtue of temperance and the gift of counsel. Hail Mary, etc.

VI. I compassionate thee, sorrowing Mary, for the wound with which thy tender heart was riven when Jesus' sacred side was pierced with a lance. Dear Mother, by thy heart then pierced through, obtain for me the virtue of fraternal charity and the gift of understanding. Hail Mary, etc.

VII. I compassionate thee, sorrowing Mary, for the anguish felt by thy loving heart when Jesus' body was laid in the sepulchre. Dear Mother, by all the bitterness of desolation thou didst then know, obtain for me the virtue of diligence and the gift of wisdom. Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, most sorrowful Virgin.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that the most blessed Virgin Mary, Thy Mother, may intercede for us before the throne of Thy mercy, now, and at the hour of our death; through whose most holy soul in the hour of Thine own passion the sword of sorrow passed. Through Thee, Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, forever and ever. Amen.

Novena in Honor of St. Joseph

FEAST—PATRONAGE OF ST. JOSEPH

The Sorrows and Joys of St. Joseph

I. MOST glorious St. Joseph, by thy grief before thou didst understand that the mystery of the Incarnation was wrought in Mary, and by thy joy when that mystery was revealed to thee—

Obtain the favors I implore. Glory be to the Father, etc.

II. Most glorious St. Joseph, by thy grief at witnessing the cold and poverty of Jesus in the manger of Bethlehem, and by thy joy on hearing the hymns of the angels, and beholding the adoration of the kings—

Obtain the favors I implore. Glory be to the Father, etc.

III. Most glorious St. Joseph, by thy grief when thou didst behold the precious blood of Jesus flow in His circumcision, and by thy joy on hearing the sweet name of Jesus—

Obtain the favors I implore. Glory be to the Father, etc.

IV. Most glorious St. Joseph, by thy grief when Simeon foretold that a sword should pierce the soul of Mary, and by thy joy on hearing Jesus should be the salvation of many—

Obtain the favors I implore. Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. Most glorious St. Joseph, by thy grief when thou didst fly with Jesus and Mary into Egypt, and by thy joy on beholding the idols fall—

Obtain the favors I implore. Glory be to the Father, etc.

VI. Most glorious St. Joseph, by thy grief on hearing of the cruelty of Archelaus, and by thy joy when the angel bade thee return to Galilee—

Obtain the favors I implore. Glory be to the Father, etc.

VII. Most glorious St. Joseph, by thy grief at the loss of Jesus, and by thy joy at finding Him sitting in the midst of the doctors in the temple—

Obtain the favors I implore. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Novena to the Holy Ghost

Invocation

COME, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, p. 74.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created;

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray

O GOD, who hast taught the hearts of Thy faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us, in the same spirit,

to relish what is right, and evermore to rejoice in His consolations; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER

O DIVINE breathing of the Holy Spirit, make Thyself felt in my soul. Awaken it from the lethargy in which it lies; shake off the languor in which it is sunk; bear away the dust that adheres to all I do; work in me every change that Thou knowest to be necessary to me, O divine Paraclete, give me one of those tongues of light, of charity, of perfection, which descended on the apostles, that I may thereby bless Thy name, confess my sins, teach with love, answer with meekness, be silent when becoming, and edify in all things. And you, O holy apostles, who on the solemn day of Pentecost didst receive unto fulness the Spirit of unity and sanctity, obtain for us also so signal a gift, that, believing all the truths that you have taught, practicing all the works that you have recommended, living and dying in the Church which you have founded, I may attain with you the blessed and eternal recompense which you have taught us to ask and hope. Amen.

Ps. We will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall be ever in our mouths.

V. Glory be to the Father, etc.

R. As it was in the beginning, etc.

Holy Spirit, divine Consoler, I beseech Thee to visit me and infuse into my soul the gift of Wisdom. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Holy Spirit, divine Consoler, I beseech Thee to visit me and infuse into my soul the gift of Understanding. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Holy Spirit, divine Consoler, I beseech Thee to visit me and infuse into my soul the gift of Counsel. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Holy Spirit, divine Consoler, I beseech Thee to visit me and infuse into my soul the gift of Fortitude. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Holy Spirit, divine Consoler, I beseech Thee to visit me and infuse into my soul the gift of Knowledge. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Holy Spirit, divine Consoler, I beseech Thee to visit me and infuse into my soul the gift of Piety. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Holy Spirit, divine Consoler, I beseech Thee to visit me and infuse into my soul the gift of the Fear of the Lord. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Let us pray

MAY the infusion of the Holy Spirit cleanse our hearts, O Lord, and render them fruitful by the inward aspersion of His heavenly dew. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

Novena to the Sacred Heart

Antiphon

O VICTIM of charity, most loving Heart of Jesus, immolated for our sins, neglected and outraged by ungrateful men, change us, quicken us, and set us on fire.

V. Heart of Jesus, burning with love of us,

R. Inflame our hearts with love of Thee.

Let us pray

O LORD Jesus, who hast deigned to open to the Church, Thy Spouse,

the unspeakable delights and riches of Thy Heart; grant that we, Thy servants, may be worthy to be enriched and refreshed with the heavenly graces springing from this sweetest source.

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.

Have mercy on us.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pius X, December 26. 1907.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Thy kingdom come.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pius X, May 4, 1906.

Divine Heart of Jesus,

Convert sinners, save the dying, set free the holy souls in purgatory.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pius X, November 6, 1906.

THROUGH Thy Sacred Heart, O Jesus! overflowing with all sweetness, we recommend to Thee ourselves and all our concerns, our parents, confessors, relatives, friends, benefactors, and enemies; take under Thy protection this house, city, and country; extend this Thy care to all such as are under any affliction, and to those who labor in the agonies and pangs of death; cast an eye of compassion on

the obstinate sinner, and on the suffering souls in purgatory, and on those who are united here in honoring and worshipping Thee. Bless us all, good Jesus, to the extent of Thy infinite power, mercy, and charity. Amen.

Novena for the Feast of the Assumption

Novena, August 6.—Feast, August 15.

COME, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created:

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

O GOD, who hast taught the hearts of Thy faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us, in the same Spirit to relish what is right, and evermore to rejoice in His consolations; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

O QUEEN of all the virgin choir,
Enthroned above the starry sky;

Who with pure milk from thy own breast
Thy own Creator didst supply.

What man had lost in hapless Eve,
Thy sacred womb to man restores;
Thou to the wretched here beneath
Hast opened heaven's eternal doors.

Hail, O refulgent hall of light!
Hail, gate sublime of heaven's high King!
Through thee redeemed to endless life,
Thy praise let all the nations sing.

O Jesus, born of Virgin bright!
Immortal glory be to Thee:
Praise to the Father infinite,
And Holy Ghost, eternally.

FIRST DAY—AUGUST 6

Glory of Mary in Death

She was well prepared to die

PONDER, O my soul, how glorious Mary was at the moment of her death, because in life she was so well prepared to die, by her ardent longing to see her God and be forever united to her Son; and by the unapproachable merit of her consummate perfection. Then, reflecting

how different we are from Mary in our preparation for death, we shall thus address her:

HOLIEST Virgin, who to prepare thyself for a holy death, didst live in ceaseless longing for the vision of thy God, O do thou, Virgin Mother, take from us the vain desire of the frail things of earth.

Hail Mary, three times.

HOLIEST Virgin, who, to prepare thyself to die holily, didst in life ever sigh to be united to thy Son Jesus; O obtain for us fidelity to Jesus, even unto death.

Hail Mary, three times.

HOLIEST Virgin, who, to die holily, didst make it thy care to acquire a degree of merit and virtue unapproachable by any other than thyself; O intercede for us, that we may know that virtue and the grace of God alone lead to salvation.

Hail Mary, three times.

NOW will we raise our voices in praise of Mary, so prudent to prepare for

death; and whilst we magnify her glory, in union with the nine choirs of angels, who made her escort in her assumption into heaven, we shall say with the first choir:

V. All fair art thou, O Mary!
R. All fair art thou, O Mary!
V. The original stain is not in thee.
R. The original stain is not in thee.
V. Thou art the glory of Jerusalem.
R. Thou art the joy of Israel.
V. Thou art the honor of our people.
R. Thou art the advocate of sinners.
V. O Mary!
R. O Mary!
V. Virgin most prudent.
R. Mother most tender.
V. Pray for us.
R. Intercede for us with our Lord Jesus Christ.
V. The holy Mother of God is exalted,
R. High above the angel choirs to the heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray

WE BESEECH Thee, Lord, pardon the shortcomings of Thy servants, that we who, by our own works, are not able

to please Thee, may be saved by the intercession of the Mother of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

O God, the pastor etc., p. 188.

SECOND DAY—AUGUST 7

Glory of Mary in Death

She was comforted by her Son

PONDER how glorious was Mary at the hour of her death, comforted, according to the holy doctors of the Church, not only by the apostles and saints, but also by her Son, Jesus; and while we contemplate the unspeakable joy which filled her soul at such surpassing favors, let us have recourse to her, saying:

GLORIOUS Virgin, who for thy consolation didst deserve to be in the company of the apostles and saints: O may we feel thee nigh when we breathe forth our souls, and may our holy patrons, too, be there to lend their aid.

Hail Mary, three times.

GLORIOUS Virgin, who at the moment of thy death wast comforted by the sight of thy dear Son, Jesus; O pray for us that, at that awful moment, we too may

be comforted by Jesus in the most holy Viaticum.

Hail Mary, three times.

GLORIOUS Virgin, who in the arms of Jesus didst give up thy spirit; aid us that we, too, may give up our souls into the arms of the same dear Lord, with this one desire, that His holy will may be forever done in us.

Hail Mary, three times.

LET us magnify our Lady's glory, assisted at her death by her Son Jesus and His apostles, joining in jubilee at her triumph with the second choir of the heavenly host, saying:

All fair art thou, etc.

THIRD DAY—AUGUST 8

Glory of Mary in Death

She died in ecstasy of love

PONDER how glorious was Mary in her death, for she breathed forth her soul in an ecstasy of divine love; wherefore, with eager longing to gather strength from that all-holy fire of love, let us have recourse to her, saying:

MARY, happiest Virgin, who didst abandon life by the sheer vehemence of the love of God; make it thy care that in our hearts, as God doth will, there be lit up this living fire of His love.

Hail Mary, three times.

MARY, happiest Virgin, who, dying of pure love for God, didst show us what our love for God should be; O pray for us that we may never leave our God in life or death.

Hail Mary, three times.

MARY, happiest Virgin, in leaving this mortal life through an ecstasy of love, thou didst make known the fire which ever burnt within thy breast; O pray for us, that at least one spark of that same fire may burn in us, giving us true sorrow for our sins.

Hail Mary, three times.

WITH the third choir of angels let us now exalt the ineffable glory of Mary, inflamed with burning love of God:

All fair art thou, etc.

FOURTH DAY—AUGUST 9

Glory of Mary after Death

In her dead body

PONDER how glorious Mary was after death; for from her body, clothed with majesty, most wondrous lustre shone, whilst it diffused around odors of sanctity, breathing the fragrance of paradise, and by its presence working innumerable miracles. Then, conscious of our many miseries, let us thus entreat her:

LADY unsullied, who by thy virginal purity didst merit the glory of being so bright and so majestic in thy body after death; O obtain for us the strength to detach ourselves from every foul spirit of impurity.

Hail Mary, three times.

LADY unsullied, who, through thy rare virtues didst exhale from thy dead body the sweet fragrance of paradise; make it thy care that by our life we may both edify our neighbor, and never more by bad example become a stumbling block to others.

Hail Mary, three times.

LADY unsullied, before whose sacred body were healed innumerable maladies; O may thy prayers heal all our spiritual ills.

Hail Mary, three times.

LET us rejoice at the glory given to the dead body of Mary, while, with the fourth choir of angels we exalt her majesty, saying:

All fair art thou, etc.

FIFTH DAY—AUGUST 10

Glory of Mary after Death

In the resurrection of her body

PONDER how glorious Mary was after death, since, by the power of the Most High, her sacred body, raised to life, acquired in an instant the gifts of brightness, subtility, agility, and impassibility; and filled with consolation at the excellence of her surpassing glory, let us thus invoke her:

LADY exalted, by thy God so gloriously raised to life, help us so to live on earth, that we, too, like thee, may rise again on the last judgment day.

Hail Mary, three times.

LADY exalted, whose risen body was endowed with the gifts of brightness and subtility; by the bright example of the humility of thy life on earth, O take from us all movements of disdain and scorn, that, freed from the trammels of self-love, our souls may be adorned with holy humility.

Hail Mary, three times.

LADY exalted, God made thy risen body glorious with the gifts of agility and impassibility, for great were thy spiritual zeal and patience while on earth; O obtain for us courage valiantly to mortify our bodies, and to curb with patience our headstrong passions.

Hail Mary, three times.

NOW we will render worthy praise to Mary, and magnify the glory which adorns her risen body, while, with the fifth choir of angels, we honor her, saying:

All fair art thou, etc.

SIXTH DAY—AUGUST 11

Glory of Mary after Death

In her assumption into heaven

PONDER how Mary was gloriously taken up to heaven, for she was

escorted by legions of the heavenly hosts, and by blessed souls delivered by her merits from purgatory; and joining in that imperial triumph, let us, with all humility, offer to her our supplications:

GREAT Queen, assumed so royally into the kingdom of eternal peace; O take from us all sordid earthly thoughts, and give us grace to fix our hearts firmly on the contemplation of the changeless bliss of heaven.

Hail Mary, three times.

GREAT Queen, who in thy assumption into heaven, wast surrounded by the heavenly hosts, obtain for us strength to master Satan's wiles, and to lend a docile ear to the good counsels of that blessed spirit who directs our path, and aids our tottering steps.

Hail Mary, three times.

GREAT Queen, by the glory which thou didst enjoy in thy assumption into heaven, from the company of the souls drawn by thy merits out of purgatory; obtain for us that, freed from the

slavery of sin, we may deserve to praise thee for all eternity.

Hail Mary, three times.

LET us not cease to applaud Mary's royal triumph, and the extraordinary glory which she obtained in her solemn assumption into heaven; but, with the sixth choir of angels let us honor her, saying:

All fair art thou, etc.

SEVENTH DAY—AUGUST 12

Glory of Mary after Death

In her assumption into heaven

PONDER how glorious Mary is in heaven, where, as Queen of the universe she is enthroned, and from countless hosts of angels and of saints is ever receiving homage and veneration; wherefore, bending before her royal throne, we, too, implore her aid:

SOVEREIGN Queen of the universe, who, through thy incomparable merit, art raised to such high glory in heaven; O, in thy pity, look down on us and on our miseries, and with the gentle sway of thy protection rule over us.

Hail Mary, three times.

SOVEREIGN Queen of the universe, who on thy throne art ever receiving worship and honor from all the heavenly hosts; suffer us, we beseech thee, to address thee, and grant that our invocations may be made with such reverence as befits thy dignity and greatness.

Hail Mary, three times.

SOVEREIGN Queen of the universe, by that glory which accrues to thee from thy pre-eminent dignity in heaven, vouchsafe to take us for thy servants, and obtain for us that we may be quick and ready in the faithful observance of the commandments of our Lord and God.

Hail Mary, three times.

LET us enter, in some way, into the joy which angels feel while they praise Mary, and be exceedingly glad, because we know that she is raised to the dignity of Queen of the whole universe, while with the seventh choir we sing:

All fair art thou, etc.

EIGHTH DAY—AUGUST 13

Glory of Mary after Death

From the crown which adorns her brow

PONDER how glorious Mary is in heaven from the royal diadem wherewith her divine Son hath crowned her, and from the vast knowledge which she has of the deep mysteries of God, past, present, and to come; and full of reverence for the incomparable honors bestowed upon our great Queen, let us entreat her mighty aid:

PEERLESS Queen, who in heaven on high wast crowned with a priceless royal diadem by thy divine Son; O obtain for us grace to share thy matchless virtues, that purified in heart and mind, we may be worthy to wear a crown with thee in paradise.

Hail Mary, three times.

PEERLESS Queen, by that wide knowledge granted thee of all things in heaven and earth; win pardon for our past offenses, for thine own glory's sake, and never let us anger thee again by froward deed or wanton thought.

Hail Mary, three times.

PEERLESS Queen, who wouldst see us pure and stainless, that we may be fit to stand before thy God; obtain for us forgiveness of our sins, and help us ever to please His heavenly Majesty by look, word, and deed.

Hail Mary, three times.

LET us purify our hearts to give meet praise to Mary, and to the glory she possesses in that bright crown which decks her royal brow, we will add these humble tokens of our love, while with the eighth choir of angels we joyfully sing:

All fair art thou, etc.

NINTH DAY—AUGUST 14

Glory of Mary after Death

In her patronage of man

PONDER how glorious is Mary in heaven by her patronage of man, because she is able and most solicitous to aid us in our need; and, because for our patroness we have the very Mother of our God, let us with most lively confidence and with all our heart beseech her:

MARY, our most powerful Patroness, who in heaven dost glory in being

the advocate of man; preserve us from our infernal foe, and place us in the arms of Him who is our God and our Creator.

Hail Mary, three times.

MARY, our most powerful Patroness, who in heaven art the advocate of man, and dost wish that all men should be saved; grant that none of us despair when we behold our past relapses into sin.

Hail Mary, three times.

MARY, our most powerful Patroness, whose delight it ever is, in the fulfilment of thine office, to be invoked by man, obtain for us true devotion, and make it thy care that we never fail to call thee to our aid in life, and above all, at the awful moment of our death.

Hail Mary, three times.

NOW let us celebrate with all our heart the glory of Mary, and full of consolation at the thought that we have Mary for our advocate in heaven, let us unite with the ninth choir of angels in praising her, while we say:

All fair art thou, etc.

Novena for the Feast of Our Lady's Nativity

Novena, August 30.—Feast, September 8.

Come Holy Ghost, etc., p. 205.

MOST holy Mary, chosen and predestined from all eternity by the most holy Trinity to be the Mother of the only begotten Son of the eternal Father, foretold by the prophets, longed for by the patriarchs, desired by all nations, sanctuary and living temple of the Holy Ghost, sun without blemish, because conceived free from original sin, mistress of heaven and of earth, queen of angels: humbly prostrate at thy feet, we give thee our homage, rejoicing that the year has brought around again the memory of thy sweet nativity. Then with all our hearts we pray thee, Lady, vouchsafe in thy goodness now to come down again and be reborn spiritually in our souls, that, led captive by thy loveliness and sweetness, we may ever live united to thy most sweet and loving heart.

SO NOW, with nine angelic salutations, we hail thy coming, pondering upon

the nine months thou didst pass within the cloister of thy mother's womb, and say devoutly:

We hail thee, Mary, who, sprung from the royal line of David, didst come forth to the light of heaven, with high honor, from the womb of holy Anna, thy most happy mother. Hail Mary, etc.

We hail thee, heavenly babe, white dove of purity, who, despite the infernal serpent, wast conceived free from the taint of Adam's sin. Hail Mary, etc.

We hail thee, brightest morn, forerunner of the heavenly Sun of Justice, who didst first bring light to earth. Hail Mary, etc.

We hail thee, elect, who like the untarnished sun, didst burst forth in the dark night of sin. Hail Mary, etc.

We hail thee, beauteous moon, who didst shed light upon a world wrapped in the thickest darkness of idolatry. Hail Mary, etc.

We hail thee, strong infant, who, in thyself a host, alone didst put to flight all hell. Hail Mary, etc.

We hail thee, fair soul of Mary, who from all eternity wast God's, and God's alone. Hail Mary, etc.

We hail thee, dear child, and we humbly worship thy most holy infant body; we venerate the sacred swaddling-clothes wherewith they bound thee, the sacred cradle wherein they laid thee, and we bless the hour and the moment when thou wast born. Hail Mary, etc.

We hail thee, beloved child, adorned with every virtue, immeasurably high above all saints, worthy Mother of the Savior of the world, who, made fruitful by the Holy Ghost, didst bring forth the incarnate Word. Hail Mary, etc.

Let us pray

INFANT most lovely, who by thy birth has comforted the world, made glad the heavens, struck terror into hell, brought help to the fallen, consolation to the sad, health to the sick, and joy to all; we pray thee with all fervent love, be thou spiritually reborn in our souls through thy most holy love, renew our spirits to thy service, rekindle in our hearts the fire of thy love, bid all the virtues blossom there, that so we may find more and more favor in thy gracious eyes. Mary, be thou Mary to us, and may we feel the

saving power of thy sweetest name; let it ever be our comfort to call on that great name in all our troubles; let it be our hope in dangers, our shield in temptation, and in death our last murmur.

May the name of Mary be honey in the mouth, melody in the ear, ecstasy in the heart. Amen.

V. Thy nativity, O Virgin Mother of God,

R. Hath brought joy to a whole world.

Let us pray

GRANT to us, Thy servants, we beseech Thee, Lord, the gift of heavenly grace, that to those for whom the delivery of the Virgin was the commencement of salvation, this her votive festival may give increasing peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Novena to Our Holy Father St. Francis

Novena, September 25.—Feast, October 4.

GOD forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.

Ps. I cried to the Lord with my voice: with my voice I made supplication to the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

O GLORIOUS St. Francis, who didst voluntarily renounce all the comforts and riches of thy home to follow more perfectly the life of poverty and abnegation of Jesus Christ; obtain for us a generous contempt of all things in this world, that we may secure the true and eternal things of heaven. Glory be to the Father, etc.

O GLORIOUS St. Francis, who during the whole course of thy life didst continually weep over the passion of the Redeemer, and labor most zealously for the salvation of souls; obtain for us the grace to weep continually over those sins by which we have crucified afresh our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be of the number of those who shall eternally bless His boundless mercy. Glory be to the Father, etc.

O GLORIOUS St. Francis, who, loving suffering and the cross above all things, didst merit to bear in thy body the miraculous stigmata, by which thou

didst become a living image of Jesus Crucified: obtain for us the grace to bear in our bodies the mortifications of Christ, that we may merit one day to receive the consolations promised to those who now weep. Glory be to the Father, etc.

PRAY for us, St. Francis, that we may obtain the graces and favors we ask for in this novena; pray for us especially that we may obtain the grace of perseverance, a holy death, and a happy eternity.

V. Pray for us, holy Father Francis,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

O GOD, who by the merits of blessed Francis dost increase Thy Church by a new progeny, grant us, by imitating him, to despise earthly things, and ever to rejoice in the participation of heavenly gifts, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Novena to St. Elizabeth

Ps. BLESSED are the undefiled in the way; who walk in the law of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. Pray for us, St. Elizabeth,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

O GOD of mercy, enlighten the hearts of Thy faithful; and by the glorious prayers of blessed Elizabeth, grant us to despise worldly prosperity, and ever to rejoice in heavenly consolation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Novena to St. Anthony

Prayer to be said each day.

HAIL, holy Anthony, light of the Church, teacher and lover of God's law, glorious servant of God, true confessor of Jesus Christ, honor and ornament of the Seraphic Order, wonder-worker, friend and patron of those in need, and joy and consolation of the afflicted; behold I come to thee imploring thy powerful intercession with childlike confidence, while I

perform this devotion which thou thyself hast recommended to thy clients.

FIRST DAY

ST. ANTHONY, apostolic preacher and defender of the Catholic faith, pray for me that I may preserve my faith with the simplicity of a child, and the courage and conviction with which Lord endowed thee.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Si Quaeris Miracula.

(ST. BONAVENTURE.)

IF you seek for miracles,
Death, error, all calamities,
The demons fly, and leprosy,
And health succeeds infirmities.

The sea obeys, and fetters break,
And lifeless limbs thou dost restore;
Whilst treasures lost are found again,
When young and old thy aid implore.

All dangers vanish at thy prayer,
The direst need doth quickly flee;
Let those who know thy power proclaim—
Let Paduans say—These are of thee.

The sea obeys and fetters break,
And lifeless limbs thou dost restore;
Whilst treasures lost are found again,
When young and old thine aid implore.

To Father, Son, may glory be,
And Holy Ghost eternally.

The sea obeys, etc.

V. Pray for us, blessed Anthony;
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

O GOD, may the votive commemoration of blessed Anthony, Thy confessor, be a source of joy to Thy Church, that she may always be fortified with spiritual assistance, and deserve to enjoy eternal happiness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECOND DAY

ST. ANTHONY, great wonder-worker, through thy trust in God obtain for me distrust of myself and my own efforts, with boundless trust in the power and mercy of God.

THIRD DAY

ST. ANTHONY, seraph of divine love, pray for me, that I may ever love God above all things, and always faithfully keep His holy commandments.

FOURTH DAY

ST. ANTHONY, true follower of the good Samaritan, pray for me that, obedient to the words of our Lord, I may ever love my neighbor as myself.

FIFTH DAY

ST. ANTHONY, mirror of humility and patience, pray for me that, following thy example, I may overcome all pride and vain glory, and may patiently bear all the ills of this life.

SIXTH DAY

ST. ANTHONY, pattern of exterior and interior mortification, pray for me that I may overcome my passions and evil inclinations, and may bring forth fruits of true penance.

SEVENTH DAY

ST. ANTHONY, strong and victorious knight of Jesus Christ, pray for me that I may ever bravely profess the truth,

and may persevere therein to the end of my life.

EIGHTH DAY

ST. ANTHONY, treasure-house of all virtues, pray for me that I may fly from all dangerous occasions and may never fall into mortal sin.

NINTH DAY

ST. ANTHONY, angel in the flesh, pray for me that I may keep both soul and body unspotted, so that I may be made fit to wear a crown of glory in heaven.

Prayer to the Infant Jesus in the Arms of St. Anthony

O JESUS my Savior! who didst vouchsafe to appear to St. Anthony in the form of an infant, I implore Thee, through the love Thou didst bear to this saint when he dwelt on earth, and which Thou now bearest to him in heaven, graciously hear my prayer and assist me in my necessities. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

Devotions for the Sick and Dying

Invocations and Ejaculations

O MY God, I accept this sickness from Thy hands, whether it be for life or death. Not my will but Thine be done.

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I am sincerely sorry for having offended Thee.

O my God, I offer Thee all my suffering and dejection in union with the sufferings of my dear Redeemer.

O God, be merciful to me a sinner. Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me. Jesus, infinite Goodness, have mercy on me.

I renounce from this moment and for all eternity the devil and all his works, and I abhor all his suggestions and temptations. Suffer not this mortal enemy, O Lord Jesus, to have any power over me.

I wish to die to expiate by my sufferings and death all the sins of my life. I wish to die that I may no longer offend Thee; that I may love Thee, possess Thee, praise Thee, bless Thee, and glorify Thee for all eternity.

O holy Mary, my Mother, who didst

assist at the death of Jesus, thy beloved Son, obtain for me the grace of a happy death.

O my holy Guardian Angel, defend me from all my enemies, and conduct my soul to heaven.

Lord Jesus, be mindful of Thy poor creature whom Thou hast redeemed by thy precious blood.

Mary most holy, Mother of sorrows, by that intense martyrdom which thou didst suffer at the foot of the cross during the three hours of the agony of Jesus, deign to aid me, child of thy sorrows, in my last agony, that I may pass from this vale of tears to the eternal joys of paradise.

My sweetest Jesus, be not my Judge, but my Savior.

Sweet heart of Mary, be my salvation.

My Jesus, mercy.

The Holy Viaticum

Consider that when all things fail us, Jesus comes to be all things to us. When every one abandons us, and must leave us alone, Jesus comes to be Himself our companion and guide; and when the affair of our eternal salvation is to be concluded, He washes us with His blood, and applies to us the merits of His death and passion.

With the beloved disciple, St. John, we may say:

"Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end." Then let us say to Jesus:

O MY Savior! Thou hast loved me much; my whole life has been one continued series of graces; and because Thou hast loved me much, Thou dost love me to the end—to my death, when Thou wilt be my support, my helper, and my consolation.

O UNSPEAKABLE goodness of my Jesus, inflame my heart with the fire of Thy own divine charity, that I may ardently desire to receive Thee. O my Savior! I have an extreme desire to receive Thee as my Viaticum. With St. John I invite Thee to come: Come, Lord Jesus! Come, O Jesus, come, be a Savior to me; come, and finish the work of my salvation.

PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE HOLY VIATICUM

SACRED Viaticum! light of the blind, support of the weak, aliment of the strong, consolation of the dying, faithful and charitable guide, come to me, Jesus, and conduct me safely to the delightful and eternal abode, which Thou hast, in Thy love and mercy, prepared for me,

which Thou hast merited for me by Thy sufferings and by the effusion of Thy precious blood. Come, O God of light, come and dissipate the darkness of my mind. Come to my soul, O God of sanctity, and replenish it with those graces which flow in abundance from Thy Sacred Heart. Come into my heart, O God of charity, and inflame it with that ardor which is hidden with Thee in this adorable Sacrament, the furnace of sacred love. Come to my body, O God of all purity, to purify and sanctify this sinful flesh.

I accept, with an entire submission, death, which I have deserved; but I plead that Thou wouldst receive as a sacrifice of love, what I am obliged to pay Thy justice as a debt contracted by my sins. I wish to die, because I have deserved death; I wish to die, that I may be united to Thee forever; but above all, I wish to die, because such is Thy holy will. Strike, then, my Lord and my God, when it shall please Thee, provided Thou Thyself dost prepare me. It is with these dispositions, O my God and Savior, that I desire to receive Thee. Come, my Jesus, come; my whole soul desires Thee. Come, and

teach me to die well, that I may live forever with Thee in heaven. Amen.

AFTER RECEIVING THE HOLY VIATICUM

NOW, my God and Savior, Thou art mine; Thou Thyself art my Viaticum. Glory and thanksgiving be to Thee, O Jesus, who in Thy sweetness hast been pleased to visit my poor soul. Now, that Thou art come to me, I will never let Thee go. Nothing, my Jesus, nothing shall ever separate me from Thee. I desire to be dissolved and to be with Thee; for Thou art my life, and to die will be my gain. Now I will fear no evil, though I walk in the midst of the shadows of death, for Thou, O Lord, art with me. Thou hast come to be the companion of my soul in its journey to eternity. O sanctify, for the last time, my poor body, and put the seal of immortality upon it. Thy glorified body, my Jesus, is applied to the body of Thy poor creature; Thy blood is running through my veins, leaving everywhere the pledge and germ of a new life.

This divine Viaticum, which I have received, is my God, my Savior, who Himself has said: "I am the way, the truth, and

the life." O adorable and sacred Viaticum! Thou art the way that conducts me, the truth that enlightens me, and the life that delivers me from spiritual and eternal death. O my God and my Savior! divine Viaticum, how truly Thou art to me the way, the truth, and the life!

What have I now to fear! Being thus armed and fortified, I need not dread the most formidable enemies I may have to encounter, since I possess, in the sacred Viaticum, the Lord of Hosts, who Himself combats in me and for me. Lord, in Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded. Amen.

Extreme Unction

PRAYER BEFORE EXTREME UNCTION

THOU hast mercifully provided remedies, O Lord, for all our necessities; grant me Thy grace so to make use of them, that my soul may receive all those good effects which Thou hadst in view in their institution.

Now I desire to be anointed as Thou hast commanded by Thy Apostle; grant, I beseech Thee, that by this holy unction and by the prayers of the Church, I may

partake of that spirit with which Christ suffered on the cross for Thy glory and for the destruction of sin. Give me true patience to support all the pains, weariness and disgust which I may still have to endure; give me that true light by which I may be conducted through the shadows of death to eternal happiness. If Thou forseest that health will be conducive to Thy greater glory, and expedient for my eternal salvation, let this be the means to restore it. Dispose of me as Thou thinkest best; all my desire is the accomplishment of Thy will; give health or sickness, life or death; not my will, but Thine be done: it is a greater happiness to fulfil Thy adorable will than to enjoy ten thousand lives. How happy should I be if the destruction of my body could repair the injuries I have offered to Thy divine Majesty! My eyes, alas! have seen vanities; my ears have been open to sinful and unprofitable discourses; my tongue has many ways offended in speaking and tasting; my hands have contributed to innumerable follies; my feet have gone astray in the paths of iniquity. By this holy unction, and by the prayers of Thy

Church, pardon me, O Jesus, all the sins I have committed by the gratification of my senses. Let those avenues, through which sin has made its way into my soul, be now closed to the world; let my eyes be open to Thee alone; my ears attentive to Thy sacred word; my tongue solely employed in soliciting Thy mercy. Let my prayers ascend like incense in Thy sight; let my hands be lifted up to heaven for pardon; may my feet walk in Thy ways, and my heart be the living temple of the Holy Ghost. Into Thy hands, O dear Jesus, I commend my spirit. In Thee I will live; in Thee I will die; in Thee I hope to possess eternal rest for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER EXTREME UNCTION

O MY Jesus! Thou hast purified and sanctified my whole being: for this and all other blessings, I offer Thee the pure and perfect thanksgiving Thou receivest from Thy blessed Mother and all the saints. I do not desire to be freed from my pains; Thou knowest what is best for me: give me patience to suffer whatever Thou pleasest, and as long as

Thou pleasest. If it be Thy divine will to inflict on my weak body still greater punishments than those I now endure, my heart is ready, O Lord, my heart is ready to accept them, and to suffer in whatever manner shall be conformable to Thy holy will. This one grace I most earnestly beg of Thee, my God, that I may die the death of Thy elect, and be admitted, after the sufferings and tribulations of this transitory life, into the kingdom of Thy glory, there to see, praise, and love Thee for all eternity. Amen, most compassionate and most bountiful Jesus, Amen.

Recommendation of a Soul Departing

Litany of the Dying

LORD, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Holy Mary,
All ye holy angels and archangels,
Holy Abel,
All ye choirs of the just,
Holy Abraham,
St. John Baptist,

Pray for us.

St. Joseph,
All ye holy patriarchs and prophets,
St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. Andrew,
St. John,
All ye holy apostles and evangelists,
All ye holy disciples of our Lord,
All ye holy innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Lawrence,
All ye holy martyrs,
St. Sylvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Augustine,
All ye holy bishops and confessors,
St. Benedict,
St. Francis,
St. Camillus de Lellis,
St. John of God,
All ye holy monks and hermits,
St. Mary Magdalen,
St. Lucy,
All ye holy virgins and widows,

Pray for her.

All ye men and women, saints of God, make intercession for her.

Be merciful, spare her, O Lord.

Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Lord.

From Thy wrath,
From the peril of death,
From an evil death,
From the pains of hell,
From all evil,
From the power of the devil,
Through Thy nativity,
Through Thy cross and passion,
Through Thy death and burial,
Through Thy glorious resurrection,
Through Thine admirable ascension,
Through the grace of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete,
In the day of judgment,
We sinners, beseech Thee, hear us.

Deliver her, O Lord.

That Thou spare her, we beseech Thee, hear us.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray

GO FORTH, O Christian soul, from this world, in the name of the Father almighty, who created thee; in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who suffered for thee; in the name of the Holy Ghost, who was poured out upon thee;

in the name of angels and archangels; in the name of thrones and dominations; in the name of principalities and powers; in the name of cherubim and seraphim; in the name of the patriarchs and prophets; in the name of the holy apostles and evangelists; in the name of the holy martyrs and confessors; in the name of the holy monks and hermits; in the name of the holy virgins and of all the saints of God: may thy place be this day in peace, and thine abode in holy Sion. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, most merciful, O God, most kind, O God, who, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, blottest out the sins of the penitent, and graciously remittest the guilt of their past offences, look favorably upon this Thy servant, N., and in Thy mercy hear her begging, with the whole confession of her heart, for the remission of all her sins. Renew in her, O most loving Father, whatsoever hath been corrupted through human frailty, or violated through the deceit of the devil; and associate her as a member of redemption, to the unity of the body of the Church.

Have pity, O Lord, on her sighs, have pity on her tears; and admit her, whose only hope is in Thy mercy, to the sacrament of Thy reconciliation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I COMMEND thee to almighty God, dearest sister, and commit thee to Him whose creature thou art; that when thou shalt have paid the debt of humanity by death, thou mayest return to thy Maker, who formed thee of the dust of the earth. As thy soul goeth forth from the body, may the bright company of angels meet thee; may the judicial senate of the holy apostles greet thee; may the triumphant army of white-robed martyrs come out to welcome thee; may the band of glowing confessors, crowned with lilies, encircle thee; may the choir of Virgins, singing jubilees, receive thee; and the embrace of a blessed repose fold thee in the bosom of the patriarchs; mild and festive may the aspect of Jesus Christ appear to thee, and may He award thee a place among them that stand before Him forever. Mayest thou never know what is terrifying in darkness, dismal in the roaring

flames, or excruciating in torments. May foulest Satan, with his crew, give way before thee; may he tremble at thy coming among angels that attend thee, and flee away into the vast chaos of eternal night. Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; let them also, that hate Him, flee before His face. Like as the smoke vanisheth, so let them fall away; and like as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God; but let the just feast and exult before Him. May, then, all the legions of hell be confounded and put to shame, and the ministers of Satan never dare to stop thy way. May Christ, who was crucified for thee, deliver thee from torments. May Christ, who vouchsafed to die for thee, deliver thee from everlasting death. May Christ, the Son of the living God, place thee within the ever verdant gardens of His paradise, and may He, the true Shepherd, acknowledge thee as one of His sheep. May He absolve thee from all thy sins, and place thee at His right hand in the lot of His elect. Mayest thou behold thy Redeemer face to face; and standing always in His presence, mayest thou

gaze with blessed eyes on the open vision of truth. And set thus among the troops of the blessed, mayest thou enjoy the sweetness of divine contemplation forever and ever. Amen.

RECEIVE, O Lord, Thy servant into the place of salvation, of which she hath no hope but in Thy mercy. *R.* Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant from all the dangers of hell, and from the snares of torment, and from all tribulations. *R.* Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Enoch and Elias from the common death of the world. *R.* Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant as Thou deliveredst Noe from the flood. *R.* Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Abraham from Ur of the Chaldeans. *R.* Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Job from all his sufferings. *R.* Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy serv-

ant, as Thou deliveredst Isaac from being sacrificed by the hand of his father Abraham. *R.* Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Lot from Sodom and from the flame of fire. *R.* Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Moses from the hands of Pharaoh, king of the Egyptians. *R.* Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Daniel from the den of lions. *R.* Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst the three children from the fiery furnace, and from the hands of the wicked king. *R.* Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Susanna from false accusations. *R.* Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst David from the hand of king Saul and from the hand of Goliath. *R.* Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant as Thou deliveredst Peter and Paul out of prison. *R.* Amen.

And like as Thou deliveredst Thy most

blessed virgin and martyr Thecla from three most cruel torments, so vouchsafe to deliver the soul of this Thy servant, and make it to rejoice with Thee in the delights of heaven. *R.* Amen.

WE COMMEND to Thee, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, N., and we beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, that Thou wouldst not refuse to receive into the bosom of Thy patriarchs a soul for whose sake Thou didst mercifully come down upon earth. Acknowledge, O Lord, Thy creature, not made by strange gods, but by Thee, the only living and true God: for there is no other God beside Thee, and none that doth according to Thy works. Rejoice her soul, O Lord, with Thy presence, and remember not the iniquities and excesses, which through the violence of anger, or the heat of evil passion, she hath at any time committed. For although she hath sinned, she hath not denied the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, but hath believed, and hath had a zeal for God, and hath faithfully adored the Creator of all things.

Remember not, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the sins of her youth, and her ignorance; but according to Thy great mercy, be mindful of her in the brightness of Thy glory. Let the heavens be opened to her, let the angels rejoice with her. Into Thy kingdom, O Lord, receive Thy servant. Let St. Michael, the archangel of God, prince of the hosts of heaven, receive her. Let the holy angels of God come forth to meet her and conduct her to the city of the heavenly Jerusalem. Let the blessed Peter the apostle, to whom were given by God the keys of the kingdom of heaven, assist her. Let St. Paul the apostle, who was counted worthy to be a vessel of election, assist her. Let St. John, the chosen apostle of God, to whom were revealed the secrets of heaven, intercede for her. Let all the holy apostles, to whom the Lord gave the power of binding and loosing, pray for her. Let all the saints and elect of God, who, in this world, have suffered torments for the name of Christ, intercede for her, that loosed from the bonds of the flesh, she may attain unto the glory of the heavenly kingdom, through the grace of our Lord Jesus

Christ, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen.

Fear of Death

SINCE I must die some day or other, why not die at this very time? I may easily be mistaken, but God can never mistake the best time for the end of my earthly career.

After death there is no more danger of offending God—no more sin. Though I live no longer here below, I shall live with my God forever; I shall love and praise Him for all eternity.

A Plenary Indulgence at the Hour of Death

By a decree of the Congregation of Indulgences of March 9, 1904, His Holiness, Pope Pius X, has granted a plenary indulgence at the moment of death to all the faithful who on any day they may choose, will receive the sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist and make the following act for the love of God.

O LORD my God, even now, at this moment, resignedly and willingly, I accept at Thy hand whatever kind of death it may please Thee to send me, with all its pains, anxieties, and sorrows.

Prayer to Our Lord on the Cross

MY CRUCIFIED Jesus, mercifully accept the prayer which I now make to Thee for help in the moment of my death, when at its approach all my senses shall fail me.

Indulgence of 300 days, once a day.—Pius X, September 4, 1903.

Beati Mortui

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

O MY God, I must certainly die, but I know not when, how, or where I shall die; this only I know, that if I die in mortal sin, I shall be lost forever. Most blessed Virgin Mary, holy Mother of God, pray for me a sinner, now and at the hour of my death. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, every time.—Pius X., January 12, 1906.

To Jesus

O JESUS, while adoring Thy last breath, I pray Thee to receive mine. In the uncertainty whether I shall have the command of my senses, when I shall depart out of this world, I offer Thee from this moment my agony and all the pains of my

passing away. Thou art my Father and my Savior, and I give back my soul into Thy hands. I desire that my last moment may be united to the moment of Thy death, and that the last beat of my heart may be an act of pure love of Thee. Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days, once a day. Leo XIII, July 16, 1902.

Prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

O MOST sweet Jesus, through that bloody sweat which Thou didst suffer in the garden of Gethsemani, have mercy on these blessed souls;

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord, have mercy on them.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel scourging, have mercy on them;

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord, have mercy on them.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most terrible crowning with thorns, have mercy on them;

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord, have mercy on them.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in carrying Thy cross to Calvary, have mercy on them;

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord, have mercy on them.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel crucifixion, have mercy on them;

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord, have mercy on them.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most bitter agony on the cross, have mercy on them;

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord, have mercy on them.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in breathing forth Thy blessed soul, have mercy on them;

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord, have mercy on them.

V. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord;

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

To the Five Wounds for the Poor Souls in Purgatory

WE OFFER to Thee, eternal Father, for the souls in purgatory, the most precious blood shed from the wound in the left foot of Thy Son Jesus, and the sorrows of His blessed Mother, who stood beneath His cross.

V. Eternal rest, etc.

We offer to Thee, eternal Father, for the souls in purgatory, the most precious blood shed from the wound in the right foot of Thy Son Jesus, and the sorrows of His blessed Mother, who stood beneath His cross.

V. Eternal rest, etc.

We offer to Thee, eternal Father, for the souls in purgatory, the most precious blood shed from the wound in the left hand of Thy Son Jesus, and the sorrows of His blessed Mother, who stood beneath His cross.

V. Eternal rest, etc.

We offer to Thee, eternal Father, for the souls in purgatory, the most precious blood shed from the wound in the right hand of Thy Son Jesus, and the sorrows of His blessed Mother, who stood beneath His cross.

V. Eternal rest, etc.

We offer to Thee, eternal Father, for the souls in purgatory, the most precious blood and water which flowed from the pierced side of Thy Son Jesus, and the sorrows of His blessed Mother, who stood beneath His cross.

V. Eternal rest, etc.

Let us pray

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

De profundis, etc., p 168.

Exercises for the Monthly Retreat

Act of Renovation

IT IS, then, necessary for me to think of a holy renovation, which may make me enter into the ways of perfection, to which Thou hast called me, O my God. Here are the essential points, on which this holy renovation is absolutely necessary for me:

Renovation in the exactness of all my spiritual duties; renovation in purity of intention; renovation in the preparation for the holy sacrament; renovation in an inviolable fidelity to grace; renovation in dependence and entire submission to superiors; renovation in the sentiment of gentleness and charity to all without exception; renovation in the generous fulfilment of the duties of my employment; and renovation in the absolute detachment of my heart, which is made only for Thee.

Determine some particular resolutions for the ensuing month

THESE are my resolutions, O my God! and this is the new plan of life which I am resolved to follow henceforth. I owe

this renovation to the sanctity of the state in which I live; I owe it in gratitude for the many graces I have received; I owe it to the sorrow and reparation which are required for the many faults I have committed; I owe it to the edification of those with whom I live; I owe it to the care of my perfection, which I have much neglected; I owe it to the spiritual good of those who are entrusted to me; I owe it, in fine, to the preparation for my eternity, into which I may perhaps enter before another renovation is allowed to me. I know what I have to fear from my weakness, after the sad experience of the past, after so many other renovations, after so many repeated promises; it will not be the same, I hope, after this one. Aid me, O my God, with fresh help of Thy grace; with this help I promise Thee a more constant fidelity in fulfilling all my duties. From this day forward, I shall labor for this end. May I never go astray from it all my life! Most holy Virgin, St. Joseph, my good guardian angel and my holy patron, obtain for me the grace to be faithful to these resolutions, to be entirely renewed in heart, in words, and in deeds.

Litany for a Happy Death

O DIVINE Jesus! when I shall be seized with my last illness and warned to prepare for the approach of my Judge,

When my eyes, darkened with the mist of death, shall fix their last dying looks on Thy crucified image,

When my pale and ghastly countenance shall fill others with compassion and terror,

When my ears, about to close forever to all human discourse, shall await the dreadful sound of Thy irrevocable sentence,

When my feet, unable to move, shall remind me that my earthly course is drawing to an end,

When my imagination, disturbed with gloomy and frightful phantoms, shall fill my heart with deadly horror,

When my soul, tempted at the view of my sins and agonized with the fear of death, shall struggle with the angel of darkness,

When my heart, weakened and overwhelmed with the pains of sickness,

Then, merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

shall be seized with the last agonies of death, and violently assailed by the efforts of Satan,

When my friends, assembled around me, shall compassionate my sufferings and weep for my approaching dissolution,

When all my senses shall fail, and this world forever vanish from my view,

When the symptoms of death shall appear and the last tears shall trickle down my cheeks,

When tortured by the pangs of death and oppressed by lengthened agony,

When the last heavy sighs of my heart shall press my soul to leave my body,

When my soul, fluttering at my lips, shall be on the point of beholding her almighty Judge,

When my soul shall at length depart from this valley of tears, and leave her body pale, cold, and hideous,

When I shall stand all alone before my Judge, and behold at one glance all the sins of my life, and all Thy claims on my love, O my God,

When Thou shalt pronounce that awful sentence, which no human power can revoke, and no human art elude,

Then, merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

V. Through Thy painful agony and precious death,

R. Deliver us, O Jesus.

Let us pray

O GOD, who hast condemned our bodies to death, but hast given us immortal souls to enjoy Thee eternally, and who hast concealed from us the day and hour of our death, that we may always be prepared for our last hour; grant that by leading a holy and penitential life, we may secure the blessing of a tranquil and happy death.

O divine Jesus! whose precious death should lighten our sorrows, I fervently conjure Thee, by the bitterness Thou didst endure on the cross when Thy blessed soul was separated from Thy body, to be propitious to me and to all sinners in our awful passage from time to eternity. Amen.

PRAYER FOR A HAPPY DEATH

O MOST dear and adorable Jesus! who wast crucified for the redemption of mankind, I beseech Thee by Thy dolorous passion, by Thy dreadful agony, by

Thy countless wounds, by the effusion of Thy precious blood, by the recommendation of Thy sacred soul into the hands of Thy eternal Father, and by Thy ignominious death on the altar of the cross, that Thou wilt graciously vouchsafe, at my last hour, to receive my spirit into the bosom of Thy mercy. Amen.

Visit to the Most Holy Sacrament

LORD Jesus Christ, my God, my life, and my salvation, how ineffable are the tender inventions of Thy love to bind our hearts to Thee! It was not sufficient for Thee to clothe Thyself with our humanity and become like unto us, to die also for our redemption that we might live eternally to Thee, but Thou wouldst moreover give Thyself to us in the august Sacrament of the Altar, that Thou mightest be the food of our souls and the pledge of a glorious immortality. Lord Jesus, loving Jesus, I adore Thee on this throne of Thy love, where Thou callest to Thee all who are burdened and oppressed. Burdened with many sins, enslaved to many evil habits, I beseech Thee to forgive me, to deliver me from

this grievous thraldom, and to grant me grace henceforth to lead a life worthy of my vocation, that so I may die the death of the just, and adore Thee before the throne of Thy glory.

The day must yet come when I shall tremble before Thee as my Judge; but as yet, sweet Jesus, I can call Thee Savior, Father, Spouse. Have mercy on me, and dispose my soul to appear before Thee. Enable me to prepare for death by dying now to myself, to my senses, my passions, my corrupt inclinations, and to all that would create remorse and anguish in my last moments. And when that awful time draws near, may I be so favored as to receive Thee for my Viaticum with due dispositions of contrition, faith, hope, and love. Strengthen me, dear Lord, now as well as then; my only hope is in Thee, in myself I can have no hope.

Spiritual Viaticum

LORD Jesus, I have an ardent desire to be united to Thee by the participation of Thy body and blood; and that I may do so spiritually now, I unite myself

with all the communions which are being made or which shall be made throughout the world while it lasts, and especially to those which shall be made at the hour of my death. Come into my soul, sanctify it, and take possession of all its powers; come into my heart, and fill up all its affections, that so every moment of my life may henceforth be consecrated solely to Thy love. Amen, Jesus.

Ten Pater, Ave, and Requiem æternam, for the departed.

Latin Prayers

The Sign of the Cross

IN NOMINE Patris, ✠ et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Pater Noster

PATER noster, qui es in cœlis: sanctificetur nomen tuum: adveniat regnum tuum: fiat voluntas tua, sicut in cœlo, et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie: et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem: sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

Ave Maria

AVE, Maria, gratia plena; Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.

Credo

CREDO in Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, Creatorem cœli et terræ. Et in Jesum Christum, Filium ejus unicum, Dominum nostrum; qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto, natus ex Maria Virgine, passus sub Pontio Pilato, crucifixus, mortuus, et sepultus. Descendit ad inferos; tertia die resurrexit a mortuis; ascendit ad cœlos, sedet ad dexteram Dei Patris omnipotentis; inde venturus est judicare vivos et mortuos. Credo in Spiritum Sanctum, sanctam Ecclesiam Catholicam, Sanctorum communionem, remissionem peccatorum, carnis resurrectionem, vitam æternam. Amen.

Confiteor

CONFITEOR Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini, beato Michaeli archangelo, beato Joanni Baptistæ, sanctis apostolis Petro et Paulo, (beato Patri nostro Francisco), omnibus sanctis, et tibi, Pater, quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo, et opere; mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaelem archangelum, beatum Joan-

nem Baptistam, sanctos apostolos Petrum et Paulum, (beatum Patrem nostrum Franciscum), omnes sanctos, et te, Pater, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

Misereatur nostri omnipotens Deus et dimissis peccatis nostris perducat nos ad vitam æternam. Amen.

Indulgentiam, absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum nostrorum tribuat nobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus. Amen.

Angelus Domini

V. ANGELUS Domini nuntiavit Mariæ,

R. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

Ave, Maria, etc.

V. Ecce ancilla Domini.

R. Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Ave, Maria, etc.

V. Et Verbum caro factum est,

R. Et habitavit in nobis.

Ave, Maria, etc.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix,

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Oremus

GRATIAM tuam, quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde; ut qui,

Angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui Incarnationem cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem ad resurrectionis gloriam perducamur; per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Regina Coeli

V. REGINA cœli, lætare, Alleluia.
R. Quia quem meruisti portare, Alleluia.
V. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, Alleluia.
R. Ora pro nobis Deum, Alleluia.
V. Gaude et lætare, Virgo Maria, Alleluia.
R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, Alleluia.

Oremus

DEUS, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri, Jesu Christi, mundum lætificare dignatus es: præsta, quæsumus, ut per ejus genitricem Virginem Mariam perpetuæ capiamus gaudia vitæ: per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Veni Sancte Spiritus

VENI, Sancte Spiritus, reple tuorum corda fidelium et tui amoris in eis ignem accende.

V. Emitte Spiritum tuum et creabuntur.
R. Et renovabis faciem terræ.

Oremus

DEUS qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti; da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere, et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

De Profundis. Psalm CXXIX

DE PROFUNDIS clamavi ad te, Domine: Domine, exaudi vocem meam.

Fiant aures tuæ intendentes, in vocem deprecationis meæ.

Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine: Domine, quis sustinebit?

Quia apud te propitiatio est: et propter legem tuam sustinui te, Domine.

Sustinuit anima mea in verbo ejus: speravit anima mea in Domino.

A custodia matutina usque ad noctem: speret Israel in Domino.

Quia apud Dominum misericordia: et copiosa apud eum redemptio.

Et ipse redimet Israel, ex omnibus iniquitatibus ejus.

V. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine:
R. Et lux perpetua luceat eis.
V. Requiescant in pace. *R.* Amen.

Miserere. Psalm L

MISERERE mei, Deus: secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum: dele iniquitatem meam.

Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea: et a peccato meo munda me.

Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco: et peccatum meum contra me est semper.

Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci: ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum judicaris.

Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum: et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.

Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: incerta et occulta sapientiæ tuæ manifestasti mihi.

Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor: lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.

Auditui meo dabis gaudium et lætitiam: et exultabunt ossa humiliata.

Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis: et omnes iniquitates meas dele.

Cor mundum crea in me, Deus: et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.

Ne projicias me a facie tua: et spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.

Redde mihi lætitiam salutaris tui: et spiritu principali confirma me.

Docebo iniquos vias tuas: et impii ad te convertentur.

Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus salutis meæ: et exultabit lingua mea justitiam tuam.

Domine, labia mea aperies: et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.

Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, dedissem utique: holocaustis non delectaberis.

Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus: cor contritum et humiliatum, Deus, non despicies.

Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tua Sion: ut ædificentur muri Jerusalem.

Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiæ, oblationes, et holocausta: tunc imponent super altare tuum vitulos.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Grace at Meals

BEFORE BREAKFAST, AND SUPPER ON FAST-DAYS

IN NOMINE Patris, ✠ et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Oremus

BENEDIC, Domine, nos, et haec tua dona, quæ de tua largitate sumus sumpturi. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. *R.* Amen.

AFTER BREAKFAST, AND SUPPER ON FAST-DAYS

AGIMUS tibi gratias, omnipotens Deus, pro universis beneficiis tuis. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. *R.* Amen.

BEFORE DINNER

V. Benedicite.
R. Benedicite.

V. OCULI omnium in te sperant, Domine, et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno. Aperis tu manum tuam, et imples omne animal benedictione. Gloria Patri, etc.
R. Sicut erat in principio, etc.
V. Kyrie, eleison.

R. Christe, eleison.

V. Kyrie, eleison. Pater noster (*in secret*). Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

Oremus

BENEDIC, Domine, nos, et haec tua dona, qua de tua largitate sumus sumpturi. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. *R.* Amen.

Jube, domne, benedicere.

Mensæ cœlestis participes faciat nos Rex æternæ gloriæ. *R.* Amen.

AFTER DINNER

TU AUTEM, Domine, miserere nobis. *R.* Deo gratias.

V. Confiteantur tibi, Domine, omnia opera tua.

R. Et sancti tui benedicant tibi.

V. Gloria Patri, etc.

R. Sicut erat in principio, etc.

V. Agimus tibi gratias, omnipotens Deus, pro universis beneficiis tuis. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. *R.* Amen.

Psalm CXVI

LAUDATE Dominum, omnes gentes, laudate eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: et veritas Domini manet in æternum.

V. Gloria Patri, etc.

R. Sicut erat in principio, etc.

V. Kyrie, eleison.

R. Christe, eleison.

V. Kyrie, eleison. Pater noster, etc.

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

V. Dispersit, dedit pauperibus.

R. Justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

V. Benedicam Dominum in omne tempore.

R. Semper laus ejus in ore meo.

V. In Domino laudabitur anima mea.

R. Audiant mansueti, et lætentur.

V. Magnificate Dominum mecum.

R. Et exaltemus nomen ejus in idipsum.

V. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.

R. Ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

V. Retribuere dignare, Domine, omnibus nobis bona facientibus propter nomen tuum vitam æternam.

R. Amen.

V. Benedicamus Domino.
R. Deo gratias.
V. Fidelium animæ per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace.
R. Amen.
V. Pater noster, etc. (*In secret*).
V. Deus det nobis suam pacem. *R.* Amen.
Miserere mei Deus, etc., p. 284.

BEFORE THE EVENING REPAST

V. Benedicite.
R. Benedicite.

V. EDENT pauperes, et saturabuntur et laudabunt Dominum, qui requirunt eum: vivent corda eorum in sæculum sæculi.
V. Gloria Patri, etc.
R. Sicut erat in principio, etc.
V. Kyrie, eleison.
R. Christe, eleison.
V. Kyrie, eleison. Pater noster, etc.
V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.

Oremus

BENEDIC, Domine, nos, et haec tua dona, quæ de tua largitate sumus

sumpturi. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. *R.* Amen.

Jube, domne, benedicere.

Ad cœnam vitæ æternæ perducat nos Rex æternæ gloriæ. *R.* Amen.

AFTER THE EVENING REPAST

V. TU AUTEM, Domine, miserere nobis.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Memoriam fecit mirabilium suorum misericors et miserator Dominus.

R. Escam dedit timentibus se.

V. Gloria Patri, etc.

R. Sicut erat in principio, etc.

V. Benedictus Deus in donis suis, et sanctus in omnibus operibus suis: qui vivit et regnat in sæcula sæculorum. *R.* Amen.

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes: etc., p. 283.

De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine, etc., p. 288.

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